CHAPTER 515

THE EFFORT HE'S BEEN PUTTING IN

I'LL ONCE AGAIN...

IT WILL FEEL LIKE IT HAD NEVER HAPPENED...

I FEEL... SO DIZZY...

I GOT REVIVED JUST NOW, DIDN'T I...?

AH, COME TO THINK OF IT...

BUT!...

IF I CLOSE MY EYES...

HIS EYES ARE LIFELESS.

HIS BODY LACKS STRENGTH.

HE'S SO WEAK RIGHT NOW.

JUST LIKE A DEAD MAN WALKING...

NEVERTHELESS...

"C"
MADARAME
BAKU

7TH
ROUND,
1ST
HALF

"D"
KIRUMA
SOUICHI

THE AURA OF HIS DETERMI-NATION DOES NOT DIMINISH ONE BIT.....

I CAN'T LET GO OF IT.

THE HANDKER-CHIEF WILL BE FOUND FOR SURE.

ONCE I DROP THE HANDKER-CHIEF,

HE WILL TURN HIS HEAD.

AN OVER-WHELMING PRESSURE.

IT'S THE SAME AS THE 3RD ROUND, 1ST HALF.

TICK

TICK

IT'S GOING TO BE 8:45:20 AM.

HE INTUITIVELY THINKS IT'S AN APPLE.

FOR INSTANCE, IF A PERSON SEES SOMETHING ROUND AND RED,

YOUR BRAIN WILL COMPLETE THE IMAGE BY ITSELF, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR WILL... IT'S A CURSE THAT CAN'T BE RESISTED.

PEOPLE THINK THEY CAN CONTROL THEIR BRAINS OR THEIR REFLEXES, BUT THEY ACTUALLY CAN'T.

TICK

TICK

IT'S GOING TO BE 8:45:10 AM.

IT'S GOING TO BE 8:45:30 AM.

TICK

TICK

HAS CURSED KIRUMA SOUICHI!!

USOGUI

IT'S GOING TO BE 8:45:40 AM.

HE'S STILL NOT MOVING?

THE HANDKER-CHIEF...

WHAT WILL HAPPEN...?

IF THIS GOES ON

ISN'T HE GOING TO MOVE?

CAN'T HE MOVE?

HE HASN'T MOVED YET.

NOT YET...

THE HANDKER-CHIEF

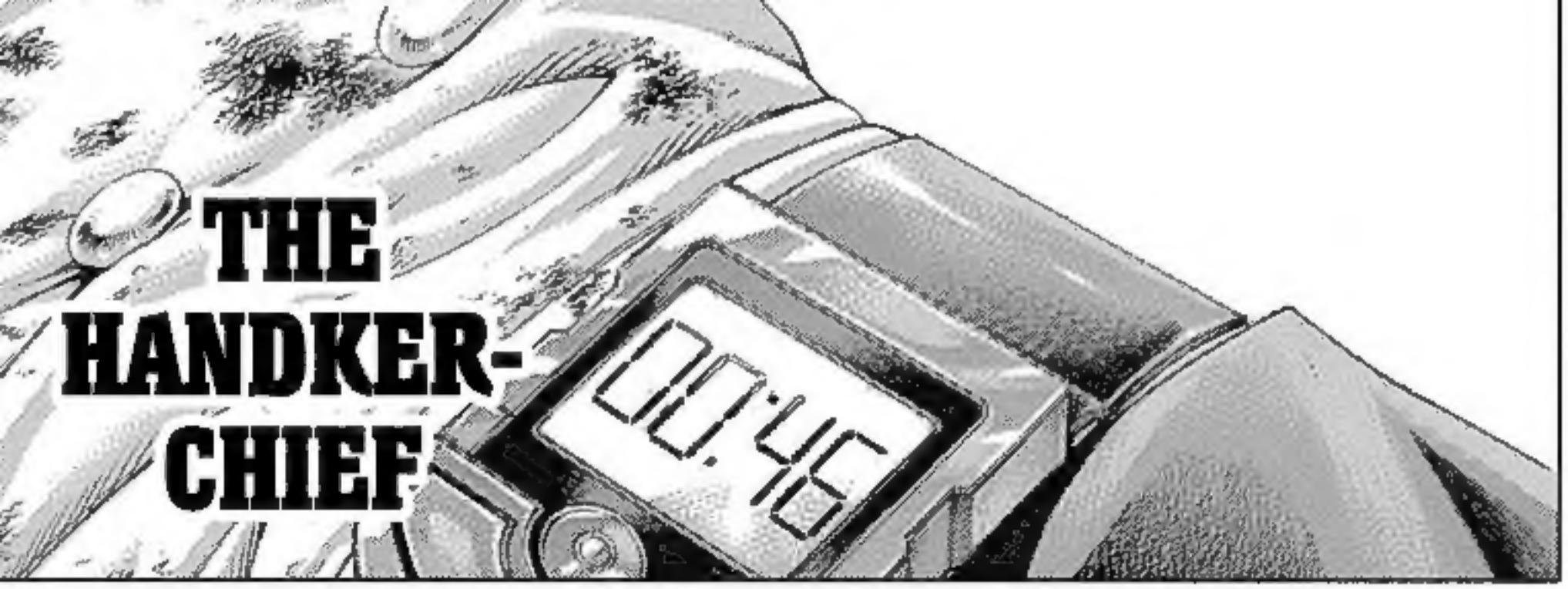
IS ALREADY

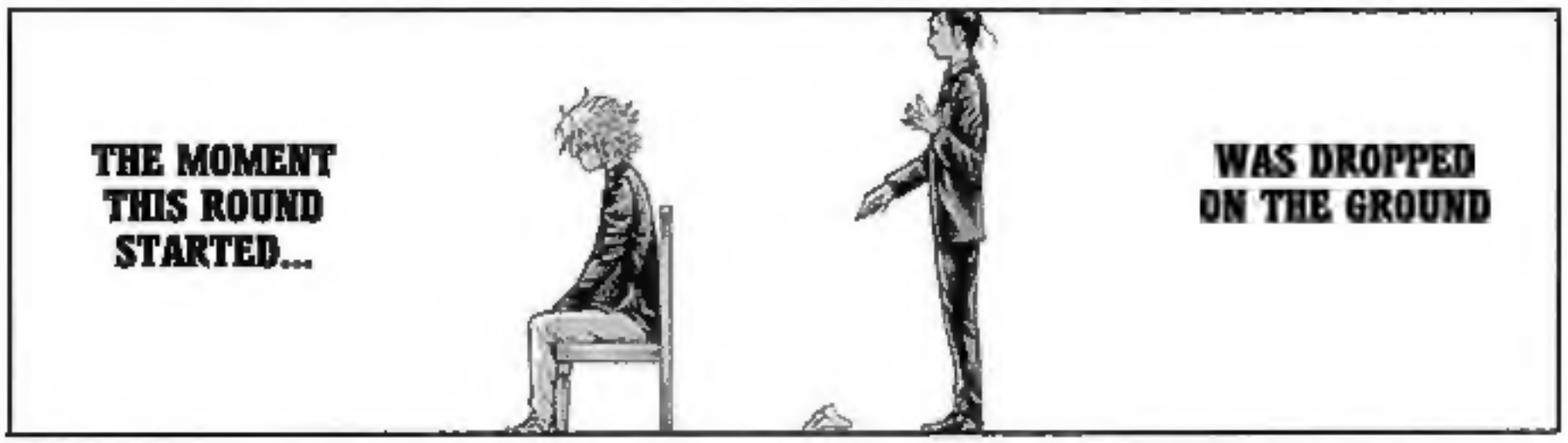
ON THE

GROUND.

I.S ALREADY ON THE GROUND!!

THE HANDKER-CHIEF





THE UNNECESSARY THINGS...

I ERASED

THE SQUANDERED TIME IS

60 SECONDS!!

HAS THE AWAKENED

HERETICAL BLOODLINE...

TO WEAVE IT TOGETHER,

OR THE OPPO-SITE...

JUST FORGET IT.

IF THE "WEDGE" IS IN YOUR WAY,

ED TIME

THE CYLINDER THAT USOGUI JUST RESET

4 3 2 1

MADARAME BAKU

ED TIM

WAS FILLED WITH 60 SECONDS OF NEAR-DEATH DRUG IN ONE SHOT!!

4 3 2 1

(+60) 1 MIN

KIRUMA SOUICHI

HE...

HE DID IT! A FULL ACCUMU-LATION OF 60 SECONDS!!

WHA ...!?

WHA AAAT!?

AT SUCH A MOMENT, HE ACHIEVED A "MAXI-MUM ACCUMU-LATION" !?

60 SECONDS !?

OVER-WHELMED THE GAMBLER AND...

DEVASTATED

HUH?

ANYWAY, "ONCE AGAIN",

USOGUI WAS SEEN THROUGH BY LEADER,

OR WAS IT SIMPLY A FAILURE IN THIS BATTLE OF MINDS...?

BOTH OF THEM TOOK THE SAFE STRATEGY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST TIME THEY DIED.

WAS IT TO MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE FROM THE NEAR-DEATH?

THE SITUATION HAS BEEN REVERSED.

MAIN TIME
3 MINUTES 33 SECONDS

SUB TIME
2 MINUTES 57 SECONDS

THUS, IN TERMS OF THE TOTAL AMOUNTS OF THEIR NEAR-DEATH DRUG,

WILL START AT

THE 7TH ROUND, 2ND HALF,

8:47:00 AM.

HE WANTS TO FIGHT BACK... NO, HE HAS TO!!

BUT,

LEADER IS GOD-LIKE RIGHT NOW, HE'S AT AN ABNORMAL LEVEL...!!

"D"
MADARAME
BAKU

"C"
KIRUMA
SOUICHI

7TH
ROUND,
2ND
HALF.

THERE'S AN ABILITY CALLED "ECHOLOCATION".

IN ORDER TO SEE THEIR SURROUNDINGS.

AND RECEIVING ECHOS

IT'S THE SAME AS DOLPHINS AND BATS SENDING OUT SOUND WAVES

TSK

TSK

CLICK YOUR TONGUE.

AND THE SOUND WILL BE REFLECTED BACK INTO YOUR EARS WHEN IT HITS SOMETHING.

BY DOING SO,

YOU CAN PICTURE YOUR SURROUND-INGS..

HARD-NESS,

AND MATE RIAL..

SOFT-NESS,

THE SHAPE,

WILL GIVE YOU DIFFERENT INFORMATION ABOUT

THE DIFFER-ENCES IN THE ECHOS.

IT'S POSSIBILITY IS UNLIMITED.

NORMALLY, ONLY BLIND PEOPLE NEED THIS ABILITY.

AND LIVE LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE.

NO ONE SUSPECTS THAT THEYRE ACTUALLY BLIND.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN GRASP THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE OF A ROOM IMMEDIATELY.

THE CLICK IS ALSO EASY TO DIRECT AND THE ECHO RETURNS STRAIGHT FORWARDLY.

TSK

TSK

THE REASON FOR USING A TONGUE-CLICKING SOUND IS BECAUSE IT'S A HIGH FREQUENCY SOUND THAT IS EASY TO MAKE.

NO ONE NOTICED WHAT SHE DID.

JUST LIKE ON THAT DAY, THAT PLACE.

NO ONE NOTICES WHAT HE'S DOING EITHER.

TODAY, RIGHT HERE.

NO-BODY...

HE HAS BEEN PUTTING IN UNTIL NOW

NOTICES THE EFFORT

IN ORDER TO BECOME SOMEBODY.

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING

NOTICES WHAT HE'S SEEING RIGHT NOW.

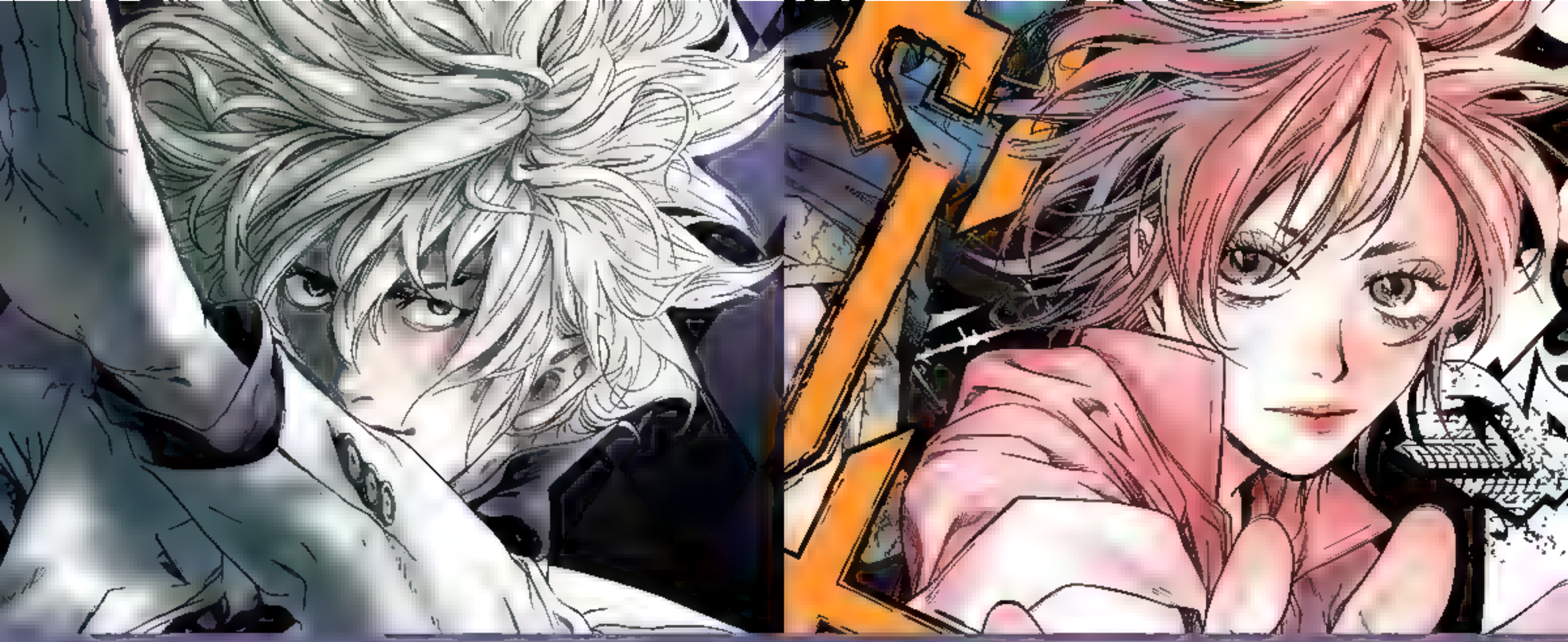
NOBODY

NOBODY NOTICES

!

HE'S DOING EITHER.

WHAT



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...WHAT'S THE POINT OF DOING THAT?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

USO-GUI...

WE WILL BEGIN THE 2ND HALF OF THE 7TH ROUND AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF 8:47:00 AM.

• • • • • •

WHY AM I INDEED...

ME TOO, YAKOU-SAN!

I DON'T REAL-L-Y KNOW EITHER...

FOR REAL.

DOING RIGHT NOW?

WHAT AM I

CHAPTER 516

ONE CHANCE

SINCE ONE MONTH AGO HAS NEVER CHANGED ..... !!!

THE THING I HAVE BEEN DOING

THAT WAS ALREADY 25 DAYS AGO...

TESTING THEIR TACTICS AGAINST EACH OTHER'S

PROMISES OF PLAYING TOGETHER.

GATHERING. ENJOYING TOGETHER.

SURVIV-
ING...

RESOLV-
ING,

STEAL-
ING,

LOS-
ING,

MAKING
PREPA-
RATIONS
AND
PLANS,

...BUT STILL,
THERE ARE
LIMITATIONS
TO EVERYONE.

WAS I
THE ONE
WHO
CREATED
SUCH A
MONSTER?

I AM
HERE
FIGHTING
AGAINST
YOU.

FINALLY,

KUROMA
SOUICHI

HACHINA
NAOKI

HAL...

I...
DO
NOT
KNOW
YOU.

AS I
THOUGHT...
NO, IT'S
BEYOND MY
EXPECT-
ATIONS,

YOU ARE
PERFECT.

I KNOW SO MANY DIFFERENT "YOUS",

NONE OF THEM...

BUT YOU ARE

AND YET ALL OF THEM...

HAL...

I WAS THE ONE WHO MADE IT HAPPEN.

IT'S THE REASON FOR MY SUSPI-CIONS.

THE "TICK" "TICK"

SPEAKING CLOCK, CAN YOU HEAR IT?

THAT TICK TICK

I KEPT ON THINKING, WHY?

AND THEN, I FINALLY ARRIVED AT ONE CONCLUSION.

I FELT IT ALREADY BEFORE, BUT, THERE'S NO MISTAKE NOW.

THAT SOUND WAS SLIGHTLY QUIETER JUST NOW

I DIDN'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO CONVEY MY WORDS LOUDLY AND ENDED UP MUTTERING.

YAKOU SAN.

THE NEXT ROUND?

WHEN I WILL BE

WHEN I CAME BACK TO LIFE PREVIOUSLY, AND WAS STILL RECOVERING...

A FAINT VOICE CANNOT BE HEARD BY THE ONES WHO WANT TO HEAR IT.

"BECAUSE NO ONE CAN HEAR IT".

AND HOW DOES THAT RELATE TO THE SPEAKING CLOCK VOLUME BEING DECREASED?

ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE ACTUALLY DECREASED THE VOLUME OF THE SPEAKING CLOCK.

SO IN ORDER TO LISTEN TO OUR VOICES BETTER,

YOU MANIPU-LATED

PEOPLE WHO AREN'T EVEN HERE.

IT ALREADY HAPPENED BEFORE...

THAT WASN'T THE FIRST TIME.

TICK

TICK

THINKING ABOUT IT.

ARE A SCARY MAN.

YOU

I'M JUST SAYING

BUT,

"WITH A QUIET VOICE".

I WILL WIN...

PERFECTLY

TSK

YOU SPOKE THOSE WORDS TO ME,

IN THE 1ST HALF OF THE 2ND ROUND,

*CH.500; P.11

YOU WANTED TO DECREASE THE SPEAKING CLOCK'S VOLUME

BY DOING THAT...

BUT WHY?

THERE'S NO ADVANTAGE FOR ME IN DOING THAT?

BUT THERE IS, RIGHT?

RIGHT NO
ARE SO E
TO REA

!!

AND THEN,

ONE OF THEM ACTUALLY DECREASED THE SPEAKING CLOCK'S VOLUME.

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WAIT STAY SILENT I THINK SOMEONE S TALKING.

TICK

SINCE THE SPEAKING CLOCK S SO LOUD WE CAN'T HEAR ANY THING!

*CH.500, P.12

YOUR OBJECTIVE FROM THE BEGINNING.

THIS WAS

BECAUSE THE SOUND OF THE SPEAKING CLOCK WAS HINDERING YOUR ECHOLOCATION.

"TICK".

YOU NOTICED THAT THE "TICK" SOUND OF THE SPEAKING CLOCK WAS HINDERING YOUR ECHO-LOCATION.

AND,

IF IT CAN BE USED TO GAIN AN ADVAN-TAGE FOR YOU IN THIS FIGHT...

NEAR THE START OF THE GAME, YOU STARTED TESTING

ECHO-LOCATION.

THE CLICK SOUND PEOPLE USE FOR ECHOLOCATION IS A HIGH FREQUENCY SOUND WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE FREQUENCY OF A SOPRANO SINGER.

SHOULD ALSO BE IN THAT HIGH FREQUENCY RANGE, CLOSE TO THE CLICKING SOUND.

AND THIS "TICK" SOUND

TICK

TICK

TICK

YOU

IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO GRASP A MORE ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE SITUATION...

HAVE BEEN TRYING TO WEAKEN THE INFLUENCE OF

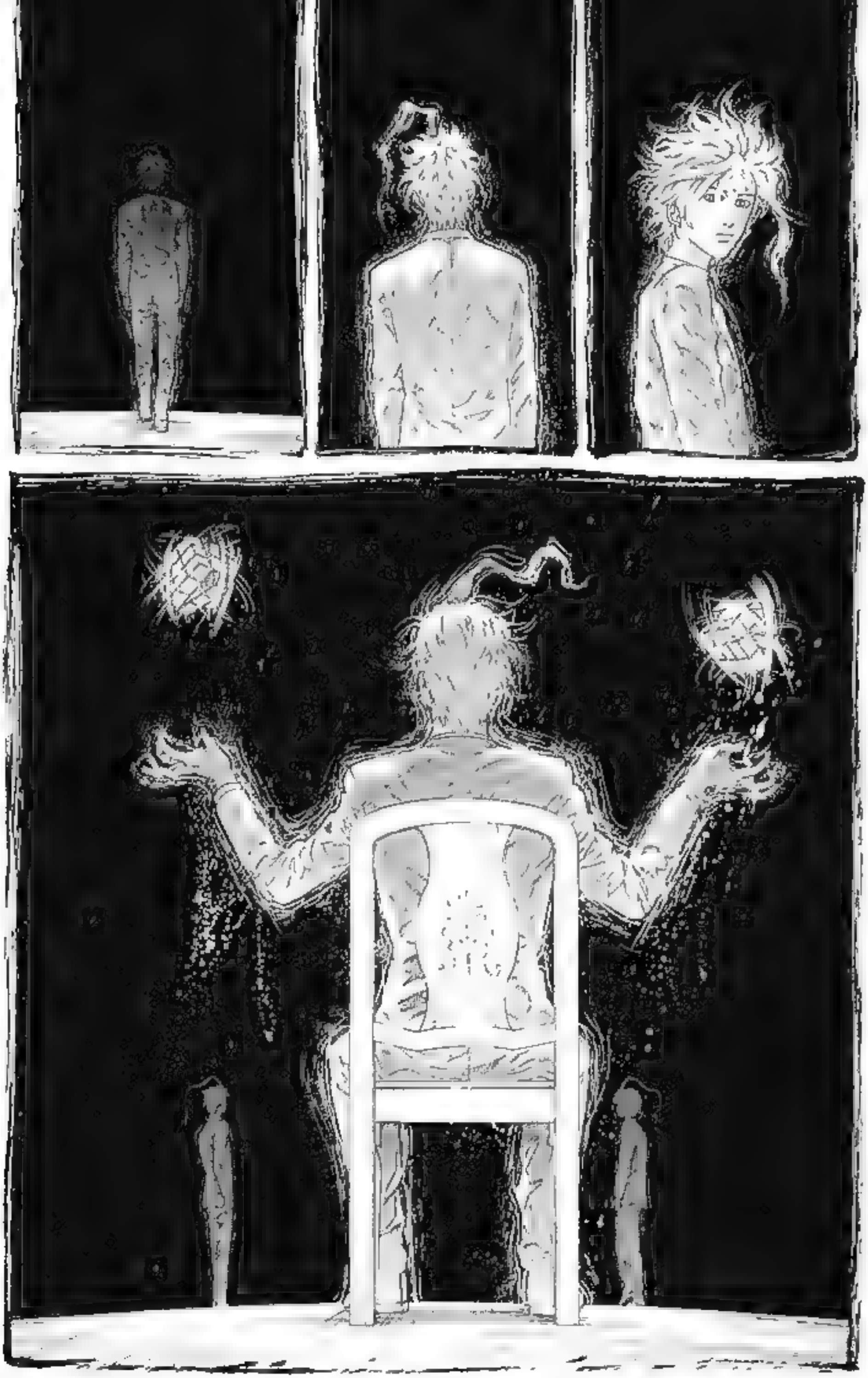
THAT BOTHERSOME SPEAKING CLOCK.

FOR REAL..

I SEE... ARE YOU SAYING THIS SERIOUSLY?

SERIOUS...

I AM...



NOW,

LET'S PLAY.

I'LL GRASP VICTORY.

I'LL BE AT MY LIMIT TOO...

SOON,

FINALLY...

THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING THAT I CAN DO.

SOON,

YOU WILL UTILIZE THE CLICKING SOUND AS EFFI-CIENTLY AS POSSI-BLE.

IN ORDER TO CAMOUFLAGE ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE,

AND IF YOU DIDN'T GET THE HANDKERCHIEF IN THESE 2 TRIES, THEN IN THE LAST PART...

NO, YOU WON'T CLICK ANYMORE, BUT INSTEAD YOU'LL USE THE "SAFE STRATEGY", CHECKING AT 1 MINUTE.

START

1ST CLICK

TSK

START

FIRST, YOU'LL TRY TO DETECT THE HANDKERCHIEF AT ABOUT 10 SECONDS TO UNCOVER AN "INSTANT DROP".

TSK

1 MIN-UTE

THE 2ND TIME WILL BE AROUND 30 SECONDS.

START

GRAB

I'LL HAVE TO LEVERAGE YOUR OWN WEAPON AGAINST YOU FOR THAT ONE CHANCE.

YOU WILL TURN AROUND.

IF YOU DETECT SOMETHING,

ISN'T THE HANDKER-CHIEF.

EVEN IF WHAT YOU DETECT

YOU'RE NOT ONLY PERFECT, BUT YOU'VE ALSO GAINED A WEAPON THAT IS ABLE TO DEFEAT ME.

YOU ARE PERFECT.

I'LL DEFINITELY GET YOU.

I'LL TRICK YOU...

I ALSO HAVE A WEAPON OF MY OWN.

YOU DREW A WEAPON ON ME IN THIS MIND-GAME...

AT THE VERY LAST MOMENT...

I'LL TRICK YOU

WHAT IS

ABOUT THE PRESSURE FELT FROM THE 2 STRANGE MEN IN THIS GAME.

THIS ATMOS-PHERE .....?

THE REFEREE'S FINGER, FRANTICALLY READY TO PRESS THE SWITCH. IS TELLING EVERYTHING.

WHAT WILL
HAPPEN !?

SO YOU NOTICED

WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING, MADARAME BAKU...

THROUGH ACTUALLY MAKING ME DISCOVER ANOTHER OBJECT.

MAKING ME FAIL MY "CHECK",

MAKING ME BELIEVE I HAVE FOUND THE HANDKERCHIEF,

SO, I'LL DO THIS INSTEAD...

YOU ARE SHARP.

I THOUGHT SO.

I WON'T LET YOU FIND ANYTHING.

THE OPPOSITE WAY.

YOU

I WON'T LET YOU DETECT ANYTHING.

CANNOT DETECT ANYTHING.

I WON'T LET YOU DETECT ANYTHING.

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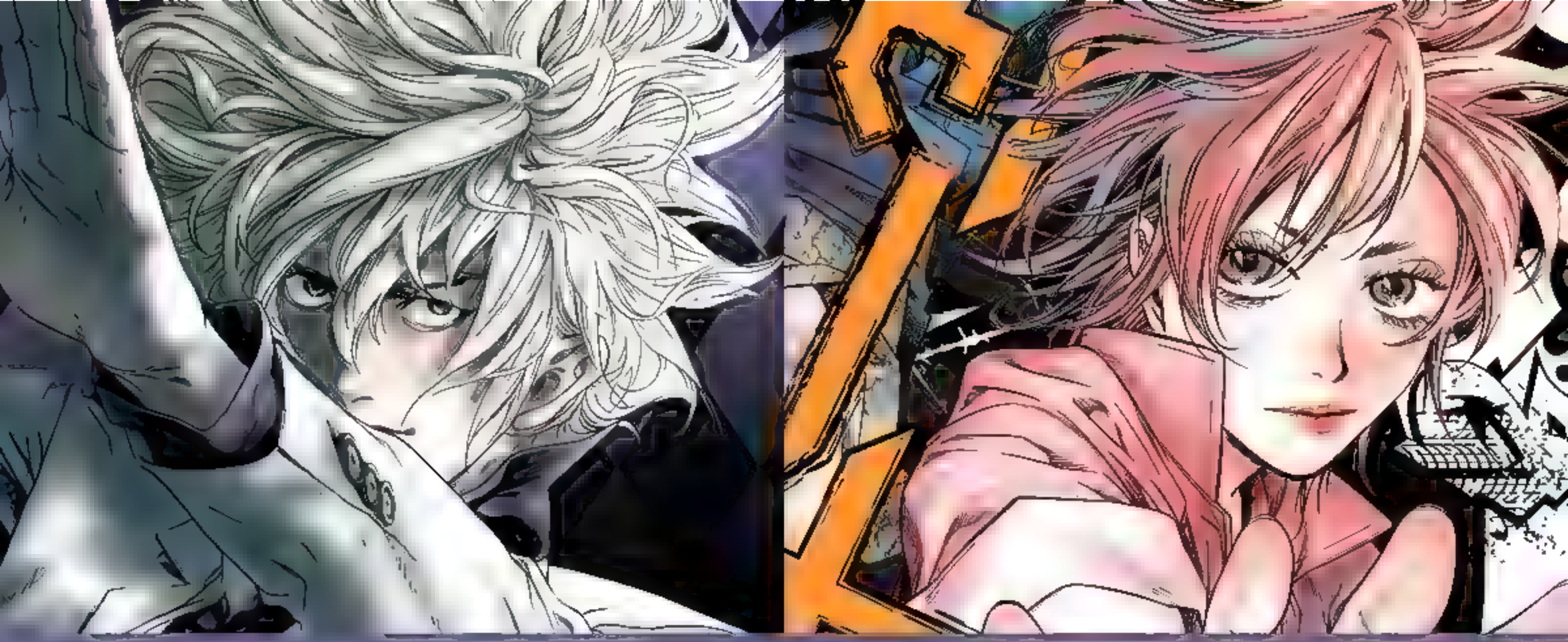

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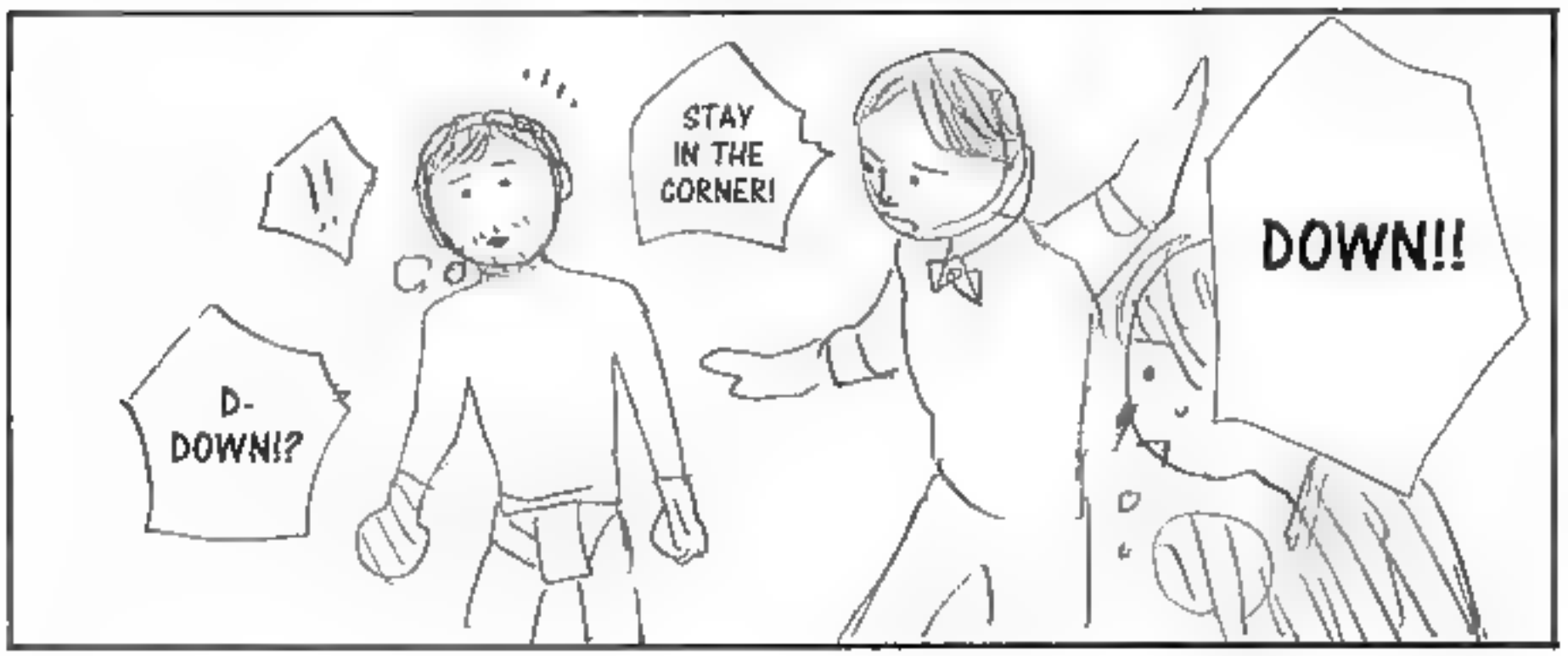
SIDE STORY

TP STORY



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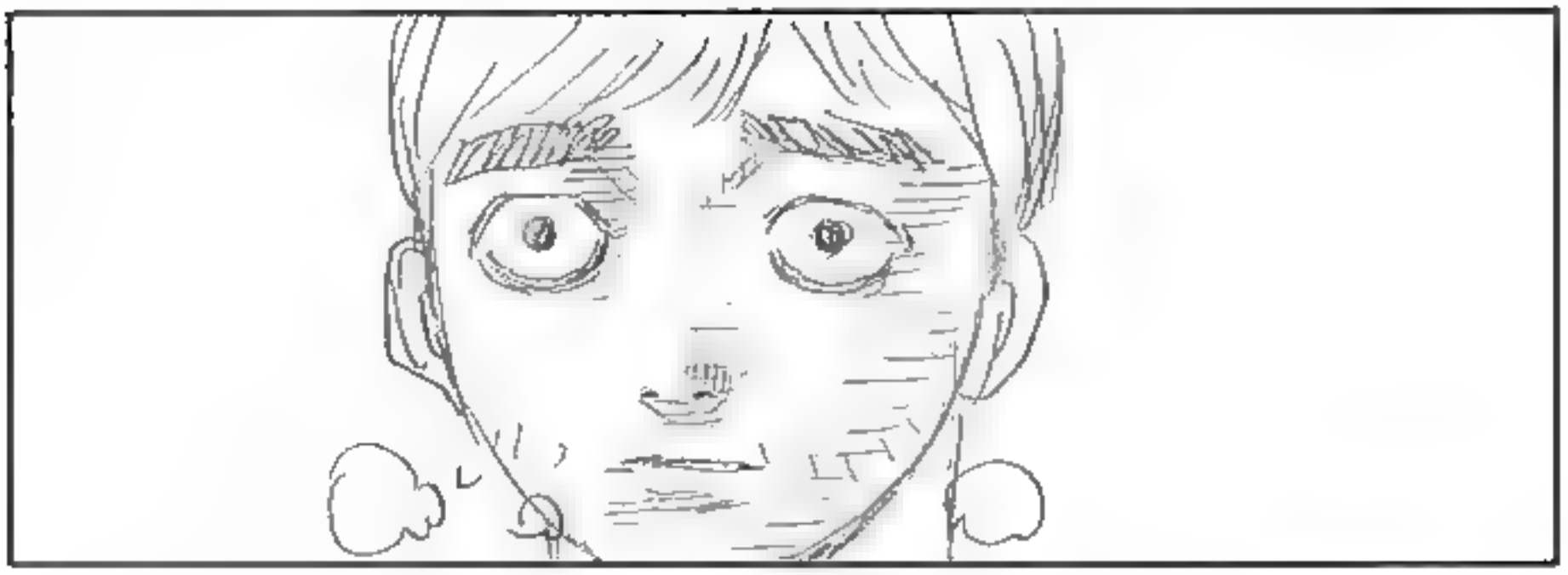
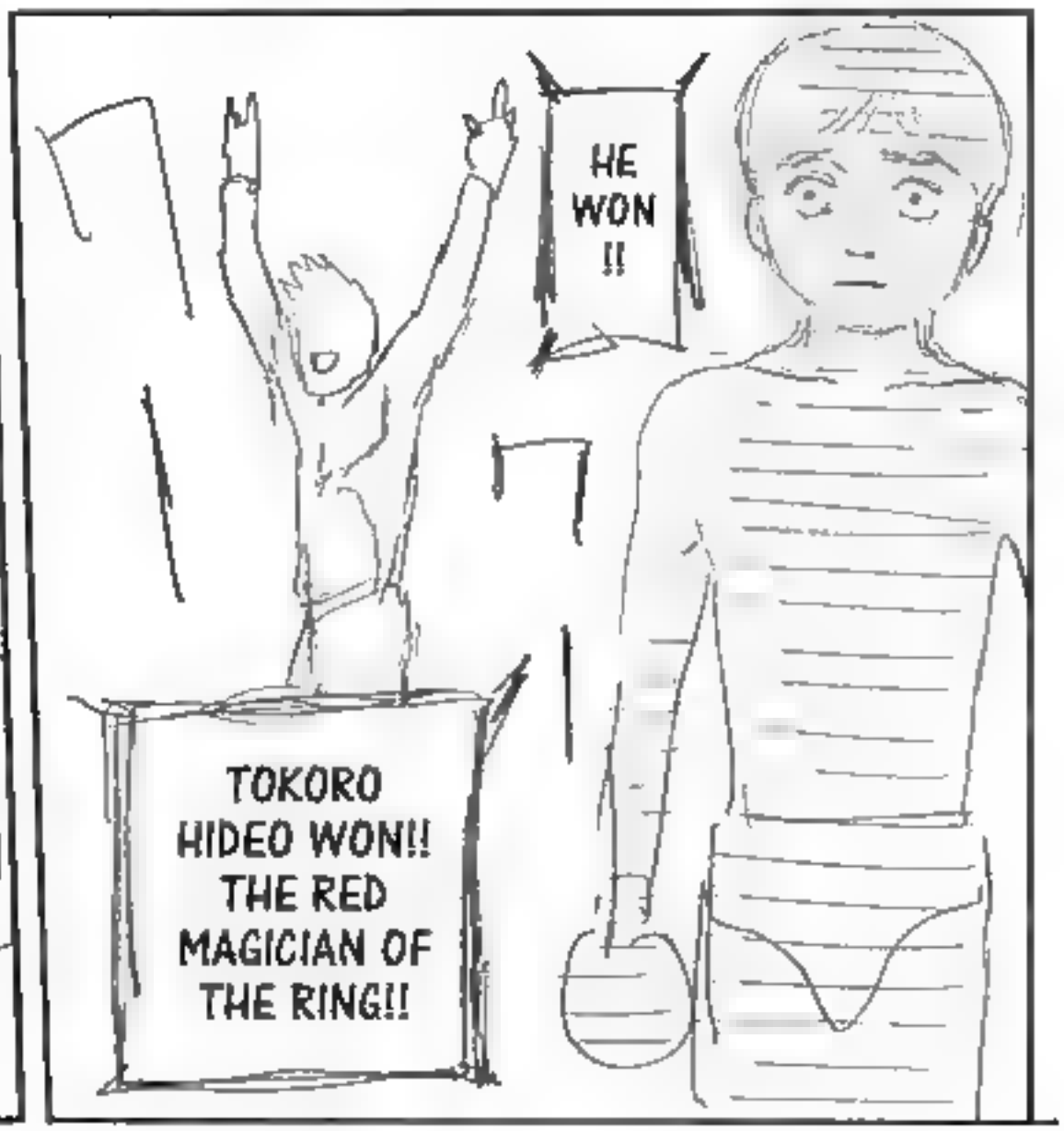


TOKORO-
KUN
WON!!
HE
WON!
HE
DID IT.
THAT'S
AMAZING.
WIFE


HE
WON
!!
TOKORO
HIDEO WON!!
THE RED
MAGICIAN OF
THE RING!!

AND MARTIAL ARTS!!

THE MARTIAL ARTIST, TOKORO HIDEO,

I ADMIRE THEM SO MUCH!!

IT'S ALL SO COOL!

HE'S AWESOME.

WANT TO TRY MARTIAL ARTS~

I REALLY...

I WANT TO BE STRONG TOO.

I'D LIKE TO TRY IT TOO~

THANK YOU, TOKORO-SAN...

EVEN THOUGH I'M JUST A MANGA ARTIST...

RIGHT NOW,

I'M ACTUALLY DOING IT...

I EVEN KO'D MY OPPONENT...

AND HAVE A MATCH...

EVEN A PERSON LIKE ME CAN REALLY DO MARTIAL ARTS,

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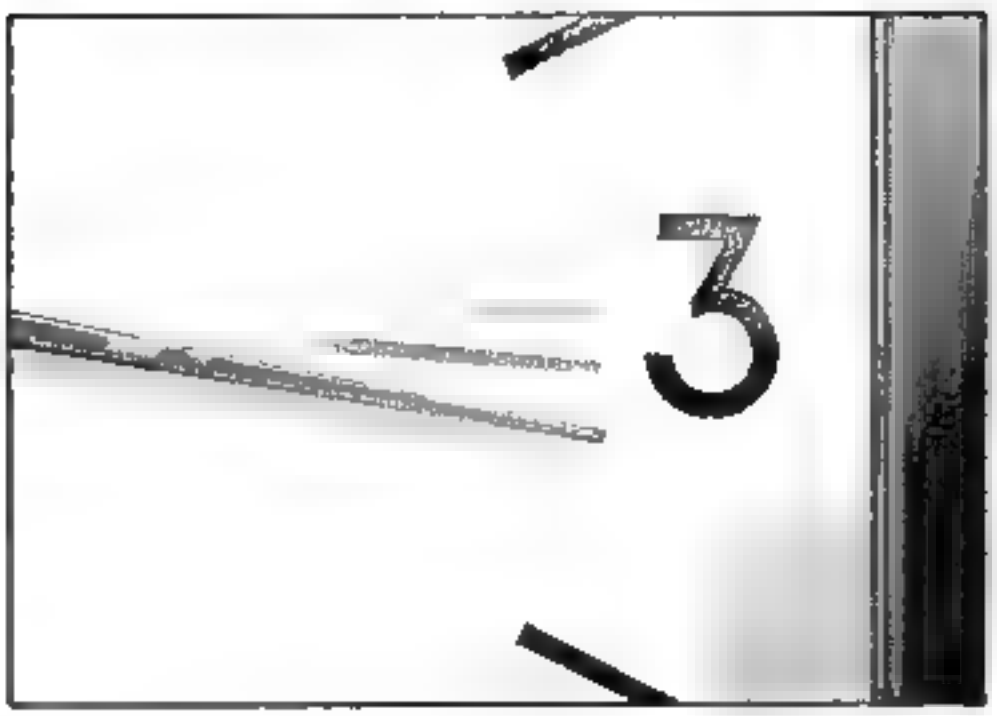
CHAPTER 506

THE HEART'S SOUND

"CHECK"

SUCCEEDED.

THAT'S WHAT...
HE JUST SAID...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"CHECK"
SUCCEEDED...

12
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WHICH MEANS... THE SQUANDERED TIME IS UNDER 10 SECONDS!!

HE "CHECKED" AT ABOUT 10 SECONDS AFTER THE GAME STARTED!!

HOW MANY SECONDS DID IT ACCUMULATE!?

3
SECONDS
...

3...

BUT THIS SCENARIO IS OBVIOUSLY DIFFERENT. IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND, KIRUMA KEPT DELAYING HIS "DROPPING" WHILE BAKU-SAN WAS USING THE SAFE STRATEGY

IT'S LIKE THROWING A WILD PITCH WHILE THE OPPONENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE WALKED... BUT THIS TIME,

IN OTHER WORDS,

...

3 SECONDS.

THE SQUANDERED TIME IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND, THE 3RD ROUND...

ALMOST THE SAME...

WAS 4 SECONDS...

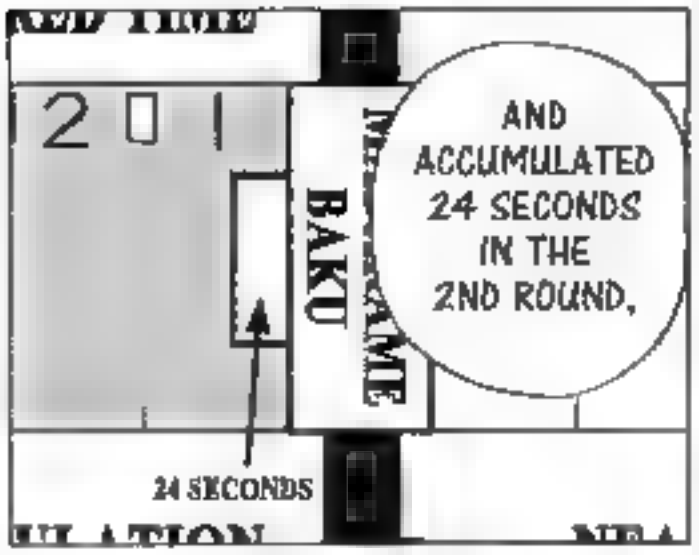
IS LIKE HITTING THE BALL IN THE CENTER.

HE TOTALLY HAS THE UPPER HAND RIGHT NOW!

AND HITTING IT RIGHT IN THE CENTER.

IT'S LIKE PERFECTLY PREDICTING THE PATH OF THE BALL,

BAKU-SAN DIDN'T WASTE THE ADVANTAGE HE GAINED IN THE 3RD ROUND AND EVEN FURTHERED IT.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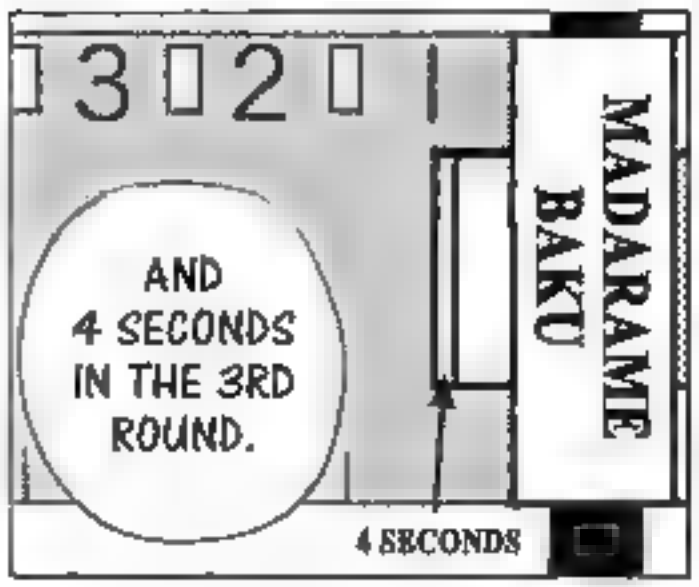
MADARAME BAKU
AND ACCUMULATED 24 SECONDS IN THE 2ND ROUND,
24 SECONDS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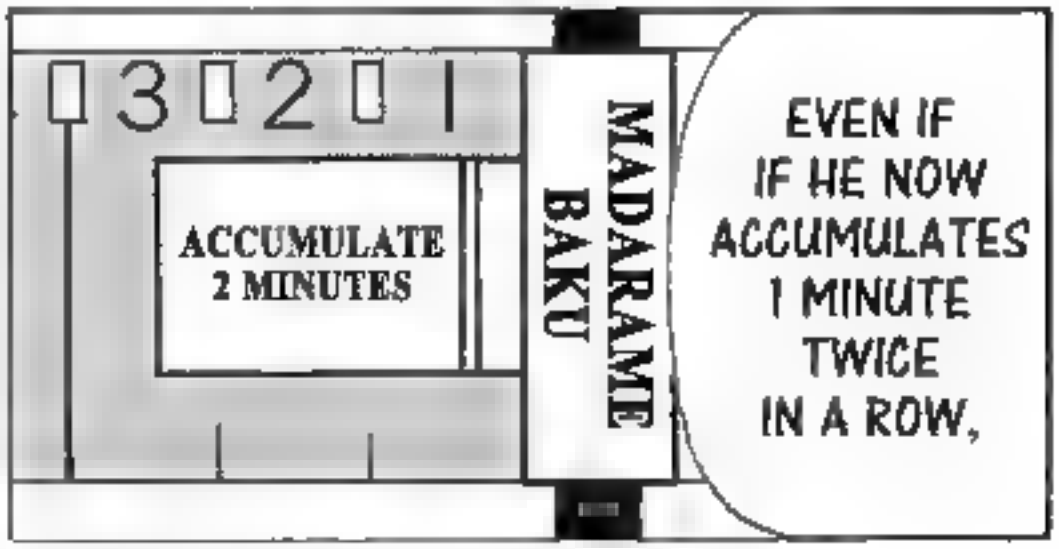
MADARAME BAKU
AND 4 SECONDS IN THE 3RD ROUND.
4 SECONDS

IN THE 2ND ROUND,
AND 3RD ROUND,
USOGUI USED THE "1 MINUTE SAFE STRATEGY".

TWICE.
HE CAN STILL USE IT
5 4 3 2 1
PENALTY
RESET
MADARAME BAKU
THANKS TO THAT, THE NUMBER OF TIMES HE CAN USE THE "1 MINUTE SAFE STRATEGY" DIDN'T CHANGE.
ACCUMULATION

HE CAN PLAY SAFELY UNTIL THE 11TH ROUND.
THE CYLINDER WILL BE EMPTY... AND THE NUMBER OF TIMES HE CAN USE THE "1 MINUTE SAFE STRATEGY" WILL BECOME 5.
5 4 3 2 1
MADARAME BAKU
ACCUMULATION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ACCUMULATE 2 MINUTES
MADARAME BAKU
EVEN IF IF HE NOW ACCUMULATES 1 MINUTE TWICE IN A ROW,

ONCE HE RESETS HIS CYLINDER BY DYING ONCE,

"HE WANTS TO AVOID DYING FIRST".

"HE CAN STILL USE THE SAFE STRATEGY TWICE".

"CONSIDERING THE RISK,

THERE'S NO REASON FOR USOGUI NOT TO USE THE "1 MINUTE SAFE STRATEGY".

ANYBODY WOULD THINK SO.

THEORETICALLY, HE'S MORE LIKELY TO

BESIDES, FOR LEADER, WHO WANTED TO AVOID MAKING THE SAME MISTAKE AS IN THE 3RD ROUND,

"DROP" AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THAT WAS A DRASTIC CHANGE IN THIS DEADLOCK!

AND THAT WAS SEEN THROUGH BY USOGUI!!

WILL KIRUMA SOUICHI BE DEVOURED BY THE OPPONENT AND LOSE THE MATCH LIKE THIS...? THE WEDGE HAS BEEN DRIVEN IN.

RIGHT NOW, IT'S VERY HARD TO STOP THIS WEAKNESS THAT IS GREATLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO USOGUL

IF HE WAS ABLE TO TURN BACK TIME,

AND RESET EVERYTHING, THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER STORY, THOUGH..!

IT'S A VERY RISKY GAMBLE THAT CAN ONLY BE PULLED OFF BY THE ONE LEADING THE MATCH... BUT CAN SOMEONE ACTUALLY DARE TO MAKE IT IN SUCH A SITUATION!?

IF USOGUI HAD FAILED, THE TABLES WOULD HAVE BEEN TURNED.

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A VERY RISKY MOVE...

YOU...

HACHI-NA...

QUIET...

DON'T WORRY, GAKUTO... I'M STILL ME.

HUH?

REFEREE KADOKURA,
REFEREE MAKAMI,
REFEREE NOWA,

IN THIS LIFE THREATENING FIGHT, YOU'RE STILL JUDGING THE SITUATION ONLY BY RISK? WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN SEEING IN USOGUI UNTIL NOW?

WAIT...

QUIET... LEADER IS SAYING SOMETHING!

REFEREE DOUJI.

FOR ME,

!!

REFEREE DOUJI.

YOUR THOUGHTS AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING RIGHT NOW ARE SO EASY TO READ.

...

WHAT ...?

REFEREE MIDARA.

THEORETICALLY SPEAKING, MY "DROPPING" WAS INDEED A MISTAKE... "THEORETICALLY"

NO WAY... HE CAN READ OUR MINDS...?

!!

BEING CHARMED BY GAMBLING CAN YOU CALL YOURSELF A WINNER, FUKUROU?

IF YOU WERE ABLE TO TURN BACK TIME, WOULD YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO THE FIRST TIME YOU LOST?

THAT'S WHY I SAID "QUIET"..

I'M SURE

YOU WOULD FLUSTER LIKE THAT...

IF YOU'RE ALL THERE,

QUIET.

YES...

YOU TOO ARE THINKING THE SAME, RIGHT?

"QUIET..."

"MY HEART-BEAT."

.....

"CALM DOWN ALREADY..."

AND YOU WON.

YOU MADE A RISKY BET AND TURNED AROUND JUST NOW.

I SEE.

TO ASK WHY,

HOWEVER, YOU CANNOT CONTAIN YOUR HEART.

IT WAS LIKE... YOU HAD FORESEEN EVERYTHING.

IT'S BECAUSE THERE'S ANOTHER REASON FOR YOU TURNING AROUND.

IF I CAN FIND IT OUT, IT'LL BE MY VICTORY.

I WILL WIN.

IT'S MY DESTINY.

...

CHAPTER 507

WOMAN OF DESTINY

YES.

YOUR DESTINY?

IS MY DESTINY.

THIS BATTLE

THERE ARE THINGS IN LIFE THEY HAVE TO DO AND BATTLES THEY HAVE TO FIGHT.

FOR PEOPLE,

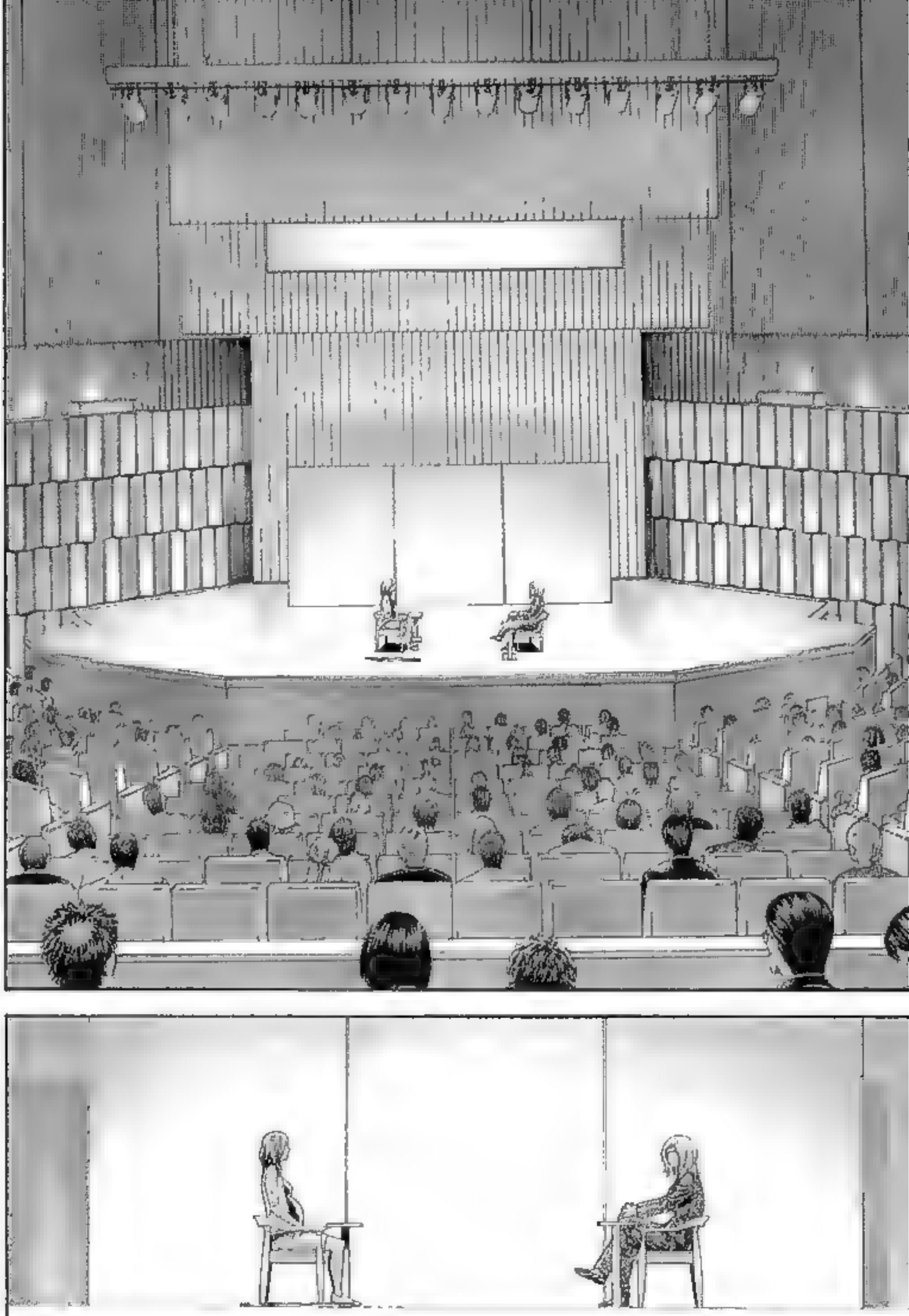
IN ORDER TO SURPASS THE BOND BETWEEN US, I'VE DECIDED TO FIGHT YOU.

EVERYONE HAS HIS DESTINED BATTLE.

NOW,

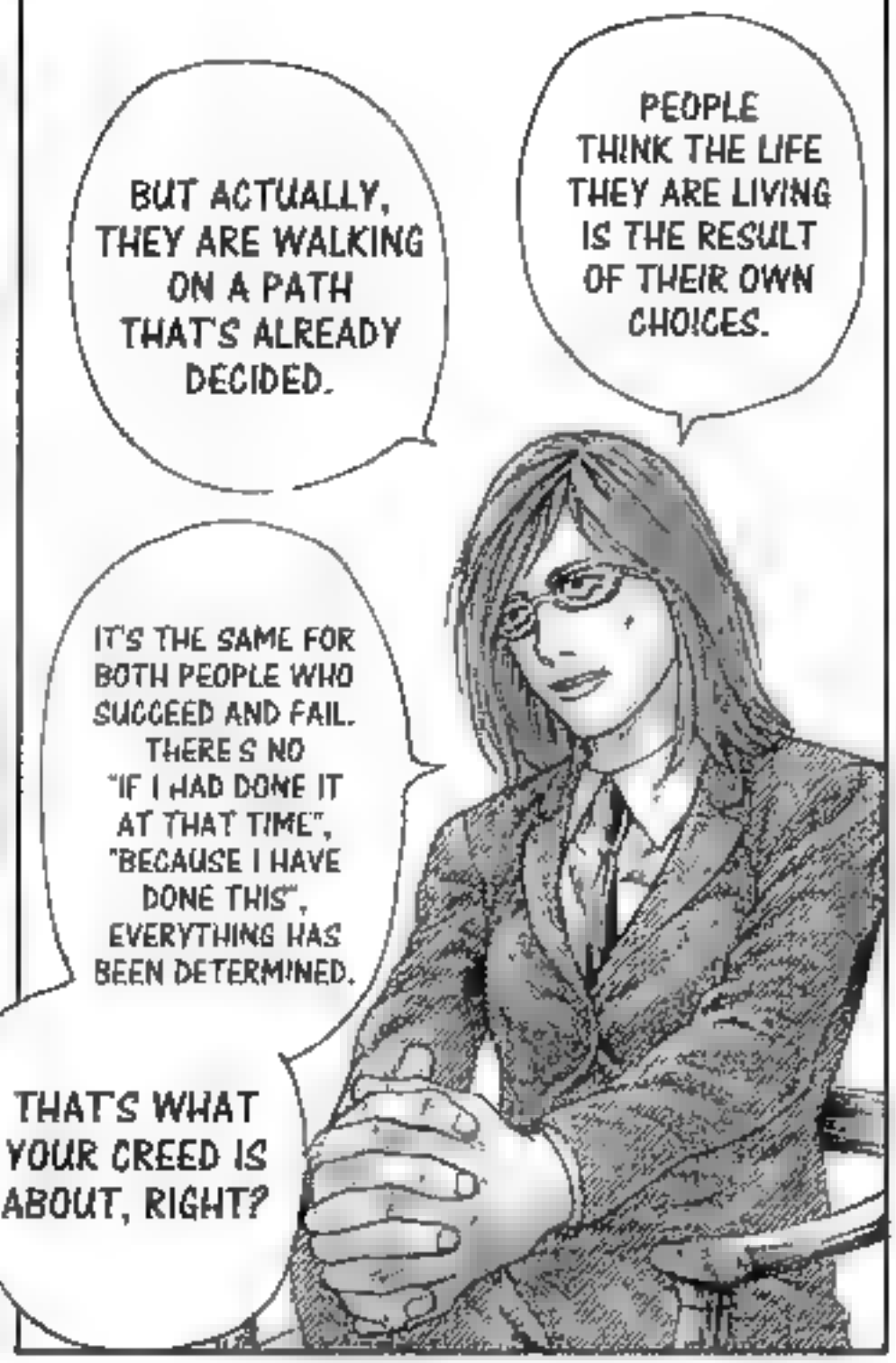
THE 4TH ROUND, 2ND HALF, WILL BEGIN AT 8:32:00 AM.

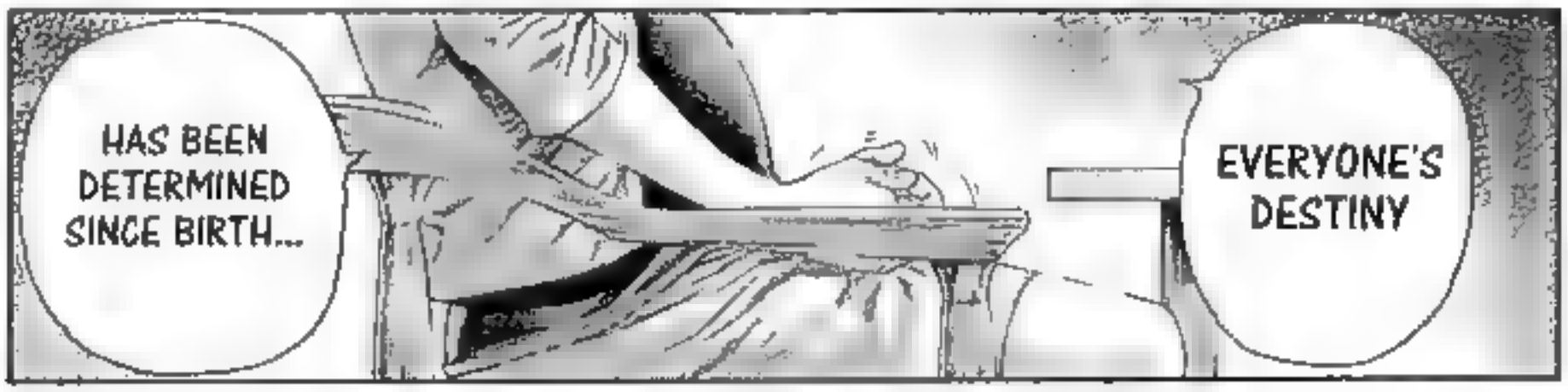
EBA...

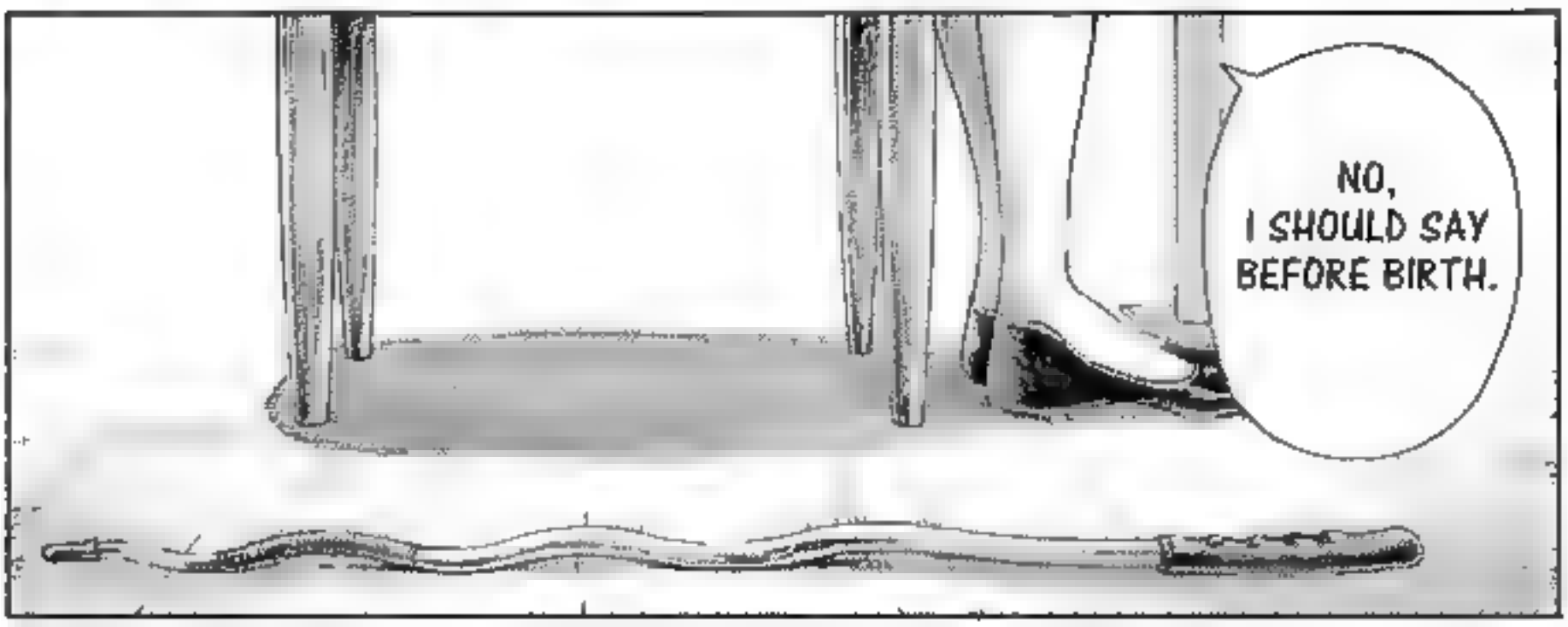


嘘吸い缶。

INDEED.


BUT ACTUALLY, THEY ARE WALKING ON A PATH THAT'S ALREADY DECIDED.
PEOPLE THINK THE LIFE THEY ARE LIVING IS THE RESULT OF THEIR OWN CHOICES.
IT'S THE SAME FOR BOTH PEOPLE WHO SUCCEED AND FAIL. THERE'S NO "IF I HAD DONE IT AT THAT TIME", "BECAUSE I HAVE DONE THIS", EVERYTHING HAS BEEN DETERMINED.
THAT'S WHAT YOUR CREED IS ABOUT, RIGHT?


HAS BEEN DETERMINED SINCE BIRTH...
EVERYONE'S DESTINY


NO, I SHOULD SAY BEFORE BIRTH.

COMMON SENSE...

COMMON SENSE WILL CHANGE DRASTICALLY ACCORDING TO THE TIME OR SITUATION.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S BETTER TO CHANGE SUCH AN OBSTINATE CREED? IT'S GOING TO BE THE 21ST CENTURY.

WHETHER IT'S THEIR WORK LIFE OR LOVE LIFE... IT'S MODERN COMMON SENSE.

PEOPLE ARE FREE TO CHOOSE THEIR LIFE STYLE.

IT'S NEITHER SCIENTIFIC NOR THEORETICAL.

HOWEVER, HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN REALLY CHOOSE FREELY?

INDEED, THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE YOUR JOB IS PROTECTED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF OUR COUNTRY.

EVEN THOUGH YOU THINK IT'S YOUR OWN CHOICE, IT'S ACTUALLY

YOUR DESTINY.

BUT IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN FINDING OUT THE THINGS THEY ARE CAPABLE OF DOING.

PEOPLE WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN DO WITHIN THEIR SURROUNDINGS.

"A WOMAN WHO CAN SEE THROUGH DESTINY"?

CUT IT OUT!

THE "DESTINY" YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS JUST YOUR TOOL TO ATTRACT BELIEVERS!

HOW DO YOU PROVE THAT EVERYTHING IS DETERMINED IN ADVANCE!?

PEOPLE HAVE FREE WILL!

THIS IS SOPHISTRY!

ME BECOMING A PSYCHOLOGIST IS ALSO MY DESTINY TOO!? THIS IS NOT SCIENTIFIC AT ALL! THIS IS OCCULT!!

NO, I CAN'T EVEN FIND AN ACCURATE WORD IN JAPANESE TO DESCRIBE YOU!!

A GURU!!

A FRAUD!! A FORTUNE TELLER!!

BY YOUR TRANQUILITY THAT DEVOURS EVERYTHING.

BY THAT ABYSS HIDDEN INSIDE YOU!

WHILE TALKING TO YOU, I GOT GOOSE BUMPS

A FORTUNE TELLER WHO IS ABLE TO INCITE THE AUTHORITIES, AND SILENCE THE POLICE AND MEDIA!!

CLACK CLACK

ハイ！

THE LAST BIG SHOT FROM THE SHOWA PERIOD, SOUDA EKO!!

TSK

TSK

CLACK CLACK

HOLD.. HOLD ON,

I CAN REALLY SEE THROUGH DESTINIES.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING WITH YOUR LEFT HAND...

CLACK

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AND A LITTLE WISDOM.

YOU JUST NEED A RARE INSTINCT

A WIRE PUZZLE !?

EVEN IF SOMEONE WEARS A SUIT

AND GLASSES LIKE YOU TO LOOK SMART, THEY STILL CAN'T SEE IT.

WHAT !?

THEIR THEORIES WERE TREATED AS OCCULT IN THEIR TIME.

EINSTEIN, WHO ADVOCATED FOR GRAVITATIONAL WAVES,

GALILEO, WHO SUPPORTED HELIOCENTRISM,

CLACK

CLACK

THAT IS DIFFERENT!!

THIS...

BUT THEY HAVE BEEN PROVED NOW.

DON'T MIX SCIENCE WITH PEOPLE'S LIVES!!

IT IS BY FOOLISHNESS THAT PEOPLE CALL THEM OCCULT.

FROM THAT REACTION OF YOURS, I CAN SEE YOUR GENERAL DESTINY

WHAT!?

YOU ACCUSED MY CREED OF BEING NOT SCIENTIFIC, AND NOW YOU'RE SAYING THAT OUR TOPIC HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SCIENCE.

WHEN PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO COMPREHEND THE UNKNOWN OR THINGS THAT ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND, THEY'LL INADVERTENTLY STOP THEMSELVES.

FIND THE MOST SUITABLE ANSWER.

OUR BRAIN WILL

BLINDLY AND SIMPLY

IN ORDER TO AVOID BURDEN,

IT'S CALLED THE "COGNITIVE LOAD".

DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE FINE SINCE YOU'RE IN THAT STATE!?

WHY IN THE WORLD DID YOU COME BACK!?

SUDDENLY DISAPPEAR!?

WHY WOULD A PERSON WITH SUCH A HIGH AND SOLID POSITION LIKE YOU

THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE HERE THAT HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST YOU ARE MORE THAN JUST 10 OR 20!!

DO YOU KNOW THE SITUATION NOW!?

AND THEN SUDDENLY SHOW UP AGAIN...!? THIS SEMINAR IS A FARCE!!

JUST LIKE WHAT YOU'RE DOING RIGHT NOW.

WHAT...

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU!?

TO FIGHT.

AND THIS IS THE THING I HAVE TO DO AND THE BATTLE I HAVE TO FIGHT... I'M HERE TO CONFIRM...

THERE ARE THINGS IN LIFE THEY HAVE TO DO AND BATTLES THEY HAVE TO FIGHT

FOR EVERY-ONE,

CONFIRM

MY DESTINY.

IT'S GOING TO BE 8:32:30 AM.

TICK

TICK

DESTINY. HUH.

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH DESTINY.

CAN YOU WIN A GAMBLE WITH SUCH A THING?

TO

...

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!

TSK

TSK

?

!!

"CHECK"

LEADER,

LE-

SUCCEEDED
!!

I CAN SEE

NOW, SIT DOWN.

YOUR DESTINY.

IT'S HORRIFY-INGLY

CLEAR.

CHAPTER 508

THE UNVEILED DESTINY

IT'S THE SAME AMOUNT OF SECONDS AS THE TIME HE CHECKED...

34 SECONDS.

LEADER MADE A "SUCCESS-FUL CHECK".

...

IT MEANS THAT USOGUI DROPPED THE HANDKERCHIEF AT

UNBELIE VABLE.

THE SQUANDERED TIME IS 34 SECONDS.

0 SECONDS

START

34 SECONDS

0 SECONDS!!

HOW TOUGH...

HE WAS STILL ABLE TO

EVEN THOUGH EVERYTHING MIGHT JUST END THERE IF HE DIES FIRST.

MAKE SUCH A GAMBLE WITHOUT FLINCHING.

AFTER ALL, HE TOOK THE RISK AND CHOSE THE "MIDPOINT CHECK", INSTEAD OF THE "1-MINUTE CHECK"

GREAT!!

NO,

HE READ LEADER'S INTENTIONS AS CHOOSING THE 1-MINUTE SAFE STRATEGY"

MEAN-ING,

HE WAS TOTALLY PLANNING ON "ACCUMULAT-ING".

YOU KNOW THAT BOTH OF THEM HAVE ALREADY DIED ONCE, RIGHT?

DEATH, 1 MINUTE

DEATH, 1 MINUTE AND 24 SECONDS

IT'S NO GOOD DYING FIRST...

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.

YOU MEAN "ONE DYING BEFORE THEIR PARENTS DIE IS UNFORTUNATE"?

1 2 3 4 5

DEATH, 1 MINUTE

4 MINUTES

1 2 3 4 5

DEATH, 1 MINUTE AND 24 SECONDS

3 MINUTES AND 36 SECONDS

LIMIT

THERE'S ONLY 1 DEATH LEFT FOR BOTH OF THEM. NOW THEY HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE THAN TO PUSH THEIR LAST DEATH TO THE LIMIT.

WON'T BE ALLOWED AGAIN.

A "MISSED CHECK"

THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO DIE ANYMORE.

IF THEY END UP USING THEIR LAST DEATH BEFORE THE OPPONENT...

1 2 3 4 5

NO,

BECAUSE "CHECKING IN THE MIDDLE" WILL BE TOO RISKY...

HE'LL USE THE "1-MINUTE SAFE STRATEGY"...

HE CAN STILL DIE ONCE... I CAN'T EASILY PREDICT HIS THOUGHTS.

MOREOVER, ALL THE MIND GAMES THAT COULD BE PLAYED WITH "D" UNTIL NOW,

"FAILING TO CHECK" WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE

SO, THE GAME SETUP WILL CHANGE RADICALLY, AND, FROM THAT MOMENT

GAME OVER.

HE CAN STILL DIE ONCE... I CAN'T EASILY PREDICT HIS THOUGHTS.

ALL OF THAT WILL DISAPPEAR.

IN OTHER WORDS, IN THIS CASE, DYING FIRST HERE EQUALS..

IT'S ONLY BECAUSE THERE ARE MULTIPLE OPTIONS FOR THE NEXT MOVE

THAT ONE IS ABLE TO HIDE HIS THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS FROM THE OPPONENT.

YOU'LL BE CORNERED BY THE OPPONENT.

AND GETTING PREDICTED.

LOSING ALL YOUR OPTIONS.

JUST LIKE STANDING ON THE EDGE OF A CLIFF,

WITHOUT ANY ESCAPE ROUTE AVAILABLE...

MADA-
RAME
BAKU.

KIRUMA
SOUICHI.

HAVE
BOTH
DIED
ONCE.

THEY WONT
BE ALLOWED
AS MANY
DEATHS
AS BEFORE.

SO
THEN.

WHAT
WILL THIS
GAME
BECOME?

IT IS NOT AN
EXAGGERATION
TO SAY THAT

THE ONE
WHO DIES
FIRST WILL
BE CORNERED
ON A
CLIFF'S EDGE
WITH NO
ESCAPE!!

WITH
THIS.

THE 4TH
ROUND
HAS NOW
ENDED.

CHAPTER 508
THE UNVEILED DESTINY

HOW MANY MORE TIMES WILL THEY BE ABLE TO DROP THE HANDKER CHIEF..?

IT'S ALREADY BEEN SHOWN THROUGH THE ACTIONS THEY HAVE BOTH TAKEN SO FAR.

MAYBE.

UANDERED TIME

PENALTY

ACCUMULATION

NEAR-DEATH

MADARAME BAKU

KIRUMA SOUICHI

NOW, THE 5TH ROUND, 1ST HALF.

WILL

START AT 8:34:00 AM.

IT'S ALRIGHT...

IT'S GOING TO BE 8:34:00 AM.

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

MY INTENTIONS YET.

HE HASN'T READ...?

"C"
MADARAME
BAKU

5TH
ROUND,
1ST
HALF.

DONG!!

...

"D"
KIRUMA
SOUICHI

BA...

"CHECK"

KU...
SAMA...

SUCCEEDED

BA-

IT'S A "CHECK" AT 0 SECONDS !!

0!!

BAKU-SAMA MADE A "SUCCESSFUL CHECK"!!

SO THE SQUANDERED TIME IS 1 SECOND!!

KU FUFU FU...

KU...

EVEN THOUGH THEY SAW NOTHING,

THEY CAN TELL

THROUGH HIS VOICE

HIS SHEER HAPPINESS

HAS TOLD THEM EVERYTHING...

FUFU

FU...

IT HAS GIVEN THEM THE PICTURE...

KU HA HA HA HA

HAAAA HAHA...

EVERY-ONE

IN THE ROOM

LOST THEIR VOICE...

FUFU
FU

DID YOU THINK

I WAS BLUFFING?

I ALREADY TOLD YOU.

I HAVE

SEEN

YOUR DESTINY...

I HAVE FORESEEN THAT YOU WOULD CHECK AT 0 SECONDS DURING THIS 5TH ROUND.

AND THAT YOU WOULD DO SO !

I HAVE FORESEEN IT

THE MOMENT I UNVEILED THE INTENTIONS HIDDEN BEHIND YOUR "CHECK" DURING THE 3RD AND 4TH ROUND.

IN ORDER TO DIE.

NO...

WAY!!

WHAT !?

WHA...

A TOTALLY DIFFERENT REACTION THAN THE ONE EXPECTED FROM THIS RESULT

THEY HEARD

THE REASON CONFUSION COULD BE SEEN ON EVERYONE'S FACE WAS BECAUSE

SUCCESS FUL...

THE CHECK WAS

THE SECOND THE HANDKER-CHIEF GOT DROPPED.

INDEED.

CHAPTER 509
UPSIDE-DOWN

AND YET...

HE TURNED AROUND INSTANTLY AFTER THE START IN ORDER TO FAIL AND DIE!?

WAS ACTUALLY MEANT TO FAIL!

I HEARD HE SAID "BAKU-SAN WAS TRYING TO DIE"...

JUST NOW...

MEANING THAT BAKU SAN'S MOVE OF "CHECKING" AT THE BEGINNING OF THE ROUND...

EVERYTHING IS UPSIDE DOWN?

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A DISADVANTAGE TO DIE FIRST HEHE!

HE WOULD ONLY LOSE HIS OPTIONS... AND GET CORNERED, RIGHT!?

WHY?

EVERYTHING IS UPSIDE DOWN!!

YOU WERE ACTUALLY TELLING ME THOSE WORDS.

I FELT PRESSURED BY YOUR AURA JUST AS IF

"THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A SAFE STRATEGY

LEFT FOR ME".

I WASN'T ABLE TO DROP THE HANDKERCHIEF.

THAT'S WHY AT THAT TIME,

YOU ARE REALLY CRAZY.

I SEE,

YOU KEEP ON HAVING THE MOST EXTREME THOUGHTS.

I

CONFIRMED THAT MY INSTINCT WAS RIGHT.

IME PENALTY

2 1 MADARAME BAKU 1 2 3 4 5

NEAR-DEATH

2 1 KIRUMA SOUICHI 1

LOOK FOR A NEW ANSWER ONCE THEY REALIZE THEIR MISTAKE.

...

IT MIGHT VERY WELL BE THAT PEOPLE

ARE ONLY ABLE TO

5 4 3 2 1 MADARAME BAKU 1 2 3 4 5

...

HEY,

DON'T... TELL ME...

DON'T YOU THINK BAKU-NIICHAN IS PLANNING TO DIE 3 TIMES?

3 TIMES...

IT'S ACTUALLY BECAUSE EVERYONE HAD THE SAME THOUGHT, SO BAKU-NIICHAN MUST BE THINKING SOMETHING ELSE, THAT'S WHAT MARCO THOUGHT...

EVERYONE HAS ONLY BEEN THINKING ABOUT DYING TWICE, RIGHT?

HOLD ON A SECOND... BUT...!!

DYING THREE TIMES?

3 ?

...

MARCO...

WELL, YOU SEE,

MARCO JUST HAD THAT THOUGHT.

ANYTHING OVER 5 MINUTES IS A CERTAIN DEATH!!

1 2 3 4 5

5 MINUTES OF NEAR-DEATH

ANY REVIVAL CLOSE TO 5 MINUTES IS ALREADY A HIGH RISK GAMBLE.

THIS IS WHAT THE THEORY WAS:

AND THE PROBABILITY OF A SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL GETS LOWER EVERY TIME YOU DIE!!

CHANCE OF DYING

AND, THERE ARE ALSO LIMITS TO THE NUMBER OF DEATHS!!

IMME-DIATELY STARTED TO

ACCEPT THIS ASSUMP-TION.

HE HAS ALSO BEEN PLANNING ON DYING 3 TIMES!?

ARE YOU SAYING THAT NOT ONLY HAS BAKU-SAN BEEN TRYING TO ACCUMULATE THE NEAR-DEATH DRUG CLOSER TO 5 MINUTES,

CONTRARY TO HIS WORDS,

HIS MIND

NO WAY... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!

ALL HIS OPTIONS!!

HE WON'T LOSE

IF BAKU-SAN IS ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY PULL OFF THAT STRATEGY,

FOR HIM TO STAND ON!

THERE WILL STILL BE A LAST FOOTHOLD

HE WON'T BE PUSHED TO THE CORNER EVEN IF HE DIES TWICE.

AND DIE FOR 1 MINUTE AND 32 SECONDS.

HE WILL GAIN A 1 MINUTE PENALTY

PENALTY, 1 MINUTE | 32 SEC

MADARAME BAKU

1 2 3 4 5

1 MINUTE AND 32 SECONDS

IF HE ENDS UP DYING NOW,

MADARAME BAKU

BAKU-SAN'S SQUANDERED TIME WAS 32 SECONDS BEFORE THE 5TH ROUND.

MADARAME
BAKU

1 2 3 4 5

2 MINUTE AND 28 SECONDS

NEAR-DEATH

2 MINUTE AND 28 SECONDS LEFT TO DIE A THIRD TIME.

HE WILL STILL HAVE ABOUT

THAT MUCH TIME IS NEEDED TO PULL OFF A THIRD DEATH AND KEEP HIS OPTIONS.

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE OPPONENT THINK HE CAN STILL CHOOSE BETWEEN A "1 MINUTE CHECK" AND AN "EARLY CHECK"

IF HE ONLY HAD 1 MINUTE LEFT, IT'S THE SAME AS BEING CORNERED.

HOW SUPERB...

SO RIGHT NOW IS THE BEST TIMING FOR HIM TO DIE.

IF HE MADE A MISTAKE AND ACCUMULATED A LARGE AMOUNT OF THE DRUG NOW

THIS PLAN COULD EASILY BE RUINED

AFTER

"CHECKING AT 1 MINUTE"...

YOU TAKE THE MAXIMUM SQUANDERED TIME OF 1 MINUTE.

THE ONLY REASON THIS CAN BE A SAFE STRATEGY IS WHEN YOU STILL HAVE ENOUGH ROOM LEFT FOR YOU

FOR BAKU-SAN,

IN THE 3RD

MEAN-ING,

AND 4TH ROUND,

SO, FOR HIM, A "SAFE" 1 MINUTE CHECK

THE MAXIMUM ACCUMULATION OF 1 MINUTE MEANT THE END OF HIS 3 DEATHS STRATEGY.

IT DIDN'T EXIST.

THAT MAD DETERMINATION FROM A MAN WHO COULDN'T RETREAT...?

SO THAT'S THE REASON BEHIND

...

SO... THAT'S WHAT IT IS...

I SEE...

I COULD EASILY READ YOUR MIND.

AFTER THAT, EVEN THOUGH YOU MANAGED TO PULL OFF A WONDERFUL "CHECK" WHICH ONLY ACCUMULATED 3 SECONDS OF THE DRUG,

AND THE PROOF IS... AT THAT TIME,

YOU STILL LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE HANGING ON THE EDGE OF A CLIFF.

DUE TO YOU TRYING TO JUMP INTO A DEATH FROM WHICH YOU MIGHT NOT COME BACK.

YOUR HEART WAS BEATING AT FULL SPEED.

REGARDLESS OF YOUR OWN WILL.

...

HOWEVER, THAT FOOTHOLD RIGHT NOW IS...

!

IT'S SUCH A DIS-TRUSTFUL FOOT-HOLD

THAT LOOKS LIKE IT'LL COLLAPSE ONCE YOU STEP ON IT.

IN ORDER TO KEEP HIS OPTIONS, BAKU SAN CREATED A FOOTHOLD FOR HIMSELF THROUGH HIS "3 DEATHS STRATEGY".

WHAT A MAN YOU ARE...

HA-HACHI-NA...

AS I THOUGHT, IS YOU REALLY...

WAIT...

BUT WHY?

WHY WOULD HE...

"THAT'S WHY YOU DID THAT AT THAT TIME".

"THAT'S HOW IT WAS".

"I'VE SEEN THROUGH E~VERYTHING".

"I KNEW IT".

HOW DESPERATE.

...

THAT'S IT!!

YES!!

YOU INTENTIONALLY BLOCKED MY "FAILING CHECK" AND DROPPED THE HANDKERCHIEF AT THE BEGINNING.

JUST IN ORDER TO SAY THOSE THINGS TO ME,

IF ANYTHING, I'M THANKFUL THAT YOU MADE ME ACHIEVE A "PERFECT CHECK".

BUT, I SUSTAINED NO DAMAGE AT ALL.

YOU'RE SO DESPERATE TO ONE-UP ME.

CAN YOU PLEASE DO IT AGAIN NEXT TIME?

A DROP AT THE BEGINNING SO I DON'T HAVE TO DIE ANYMORE...

TSK

TSK

TSK

THERE IS NO NEED FOR THAT.

DID YOU... NOT SEE IT...?

I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THEM.

ONE AFTER THE OTHER...

WHAT'S THAT NOW, WHAT NOW!?

IT'S FINALLY GETTING INTERES TING...

THE FEELING WHEN YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON ANYMORE...

EVERY-THING IS UPSIDE DOWN.

JUST AS IF THE SKY WAS FALLING, JUST LIKE A *"3" SUDDENLY DEFEATING A "2"...

NOW...

COUGH

...!!

START AT... &36:00... AM...!!

THE 5TH ROUND... 2ND HALF WILL...

OUR REVIVALS ONLY DEPEND ON

HIS CHEST COMPRES-SIONS.

HIS LIFE IS ALREADY ON THE VERGE OF EXCTINCTION AFTER ALL HIS CONTINUOUS FIGHTS.

I NOTICED

THAT YAKOU IS IN A MUCH MORE WORSE STATE THAN WE ARE.

DO YOU THINK HE WILL BE ABLE TO PERFORM CPR...?

BUT, WITH REVIVING GETTING TOUGHER BY THE TIME,

HOW MANY MORE TIMES

YOUR PLAN OF DYING 3 TIMES...

RIGHT.

I SEE... IT IS INDEED A GOOD PLAN.

I WAS ABLE TO BLOCK YOUR "FAILING CHECK", "THIS ROUND ONLY".

I'M GLAD THAT

THIS IS JUST LIKE

THE ORDER BECOMING UPSIDE DOWN WHEN A "*REVOLUTION" HAPPENS,

"3" BECOMES THE STRONGEST.

"2" BECOMES THE WEAKEST.

THE STRONGEST CARD IN "*DAIFUGO" IS...

"2".

THE WEAKEST IS "3".

*A JAPANESE CARD GAME FOR THREE OR MORE PLAYERS PLAYED WITH A STANDARD 52-CARD DECK.
*WHEN A REVOLUTION HAPPENS IN THE GAME, THE CARDS' ORDER WILL BECOME REVERSED..

TICK

TICK

TICK

TICK

8:35:50 AM.

IT'S GOING TO BE

I'LL BE THE ONE TO DIE FIRST.

IF YOU CAN'T DIE BEFORE YAKOU DEPLETES ALL HIS ENERGY.

YOU CAN'T EXPECT TO BE REVIVED ANYMORE.

WILL GET THE ADVANTAGE.

FROM NOW ON, THE ONE WHO DIES FIRST

THE ONE TO DIE FIRST WILL GET THE ADVANTAGE!?

CALM DOWN!! I HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH THEM...

WHAT? WHAAAT!?

WHAT IS HE SAYING!?

THAT TRAIN OF THOUGHT THAT WAS ALREADY UPSIDE DOWN KEEPS ON...

THE WINNER WILL BE THE ONE WHO IS ABLE TO TAKE COMPLETE CONTROL OF ALL THESE UPSIDE DOWNS.

THE SITUATION KEEPS ON BEING REVERSED AGAIN AND AGAIN.

TURNING UPSIDE DOWN.

CHAPTER 510
DOMINATION

LEA-
LEADER,
IF YOU

IT...
IT
WILL...

SAY SUCH
WORDS TO
YAKOU.

GETTING
WEAKER.

YOU ARE
CLEARLY

THE
QUALITY
OF YOUR
REVIVING
WILL.

SOON
DIMINISH.

DON'T
YOU GO
DYING YET,
REFEREE
YAKOU.

I'M SURE YOU
ALREADY KNOW THAT
LEAVING A BATTLE
YOU'RE CURRENTLY
PRESIDING
IS UNBELIEVABLE
BEHAVIOR, BUT...

PLEASE DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME.

I GOT YOUR POWER BACK WITH MERELY A FEW WORDS.

.....

I SEE.

CAUSE THE OPPOSITE EFFECT.

IS HE... PLANNING TO DIE 3 TIMES FIRST,

AND TRYING TO BLOCK BAKU-SAN'S REVIVAL?

...

WHA... WHAT!?

WITH THIS, YOUR BODY SHOULD FINALLY BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND MY 3RD REVIVAL.

WHAT'S UP WITH ALL THIS TALK ABOUT DESTINY? DID YOU JUST BECOME A PROPHET OR SOMETHING!? STOP SAYING BULLSHIT!!

THIS IS MY DESTINY.

REFEREE YAKOU... I REMEMBER... HIS RIGHT ARM WAS BROKEN, AND HIS LEFT HAND IS ROTTING...

WELL, IN THIS CASE, IT DOES MAKE SENSE THAT THE ONE DYING FIRST HAS THE ADVANTAGE...

LET US START THE 2ND HALF OF THE 5TH ROUND.

IT'S GOING TO BE 8:36:00 AM.

HE WILL FAIL HIS CHECK BY TURNING AROUND THE EXACT MOMENT THE ROUND BEGINS.

KIRUMA IS TRYING TO DIE FIRST...

SO THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID THAT **IS TO DO THE EXACT SAME THING!**

ALREADY I?

WAIT A MINUTE... THE TIME FOR US TO THINK IS TOO SHORT!!

LET HIM DIE FIRST.

I CAN'T

BEEP

"C" KIRUMA SOUICHI

5TH ROUND, 2ND HALF

"D" MADARAME BAKU

BEEP

THIS IS BAD...

THE FLOW IS NOT ON MY SIDE... WHAT SHOULD I DO?

I HAVE TO BLOCK... HIS "DEATH".

DONG!!

AN INSTANT DROP!

THIS IS NOW A FIGHT OF BLOCKING THE OPPONENT'S "NEAR-DEATH"... THEY ARE NOW "SCRAMBLING FOR THE NEAR-DEATH"!!
IF WE CONSIDER THAT HE WANTS TO GET A PROPER REVIVAL TWO MORE TIMES, HE HAS NO OTHER CHOICE.
THEN IT'S ALL ABOUT HOW TO LEVERAGE ONE'S ADVANTAGE IN THIS RIDICULOUS BATTLE OF "MAKING THE OPPONENT FIND THE HANDKERCHIEF"...
YOU...
...

YOU...

LIAR...

TICK

TICK

TICK

TICK

HE...

DIDN'T "CHECK" ...?

!?

HUH?

IN THAT CASE, I HAVE TO AT LEAST

ACCUMU-LATE HIS NEAR-DEATH DRUG...

I'VE BEEN HAD...

FROM THE START, THIS GUY NEVER PLANNED TO DIE...

THEN...

LEADER

TSK

!

TSK

DIDN'T DO A "INSTANT CHECK"!!

LEADER, SUCCESSFULLY CHECKED.

I JUST WANTED TO

IT'S AS YOU SAID,

TRUTH IS,

ONE-UP YOU NO MATTER WHAT...

EVER SINCE THE DAY WE MET.

ONE HAS TO ALWAYS KEEP THE SURFACE OF HIS HEART CALM.

IN ORDER TO AVOID THE OPPONENT SEEING THROUGH IT...

U...

KU...

ANOTHER... REVERSAL!

AND SUCCEEDED!!

KIRUMA BLUFFED STRAIGHT-FORWARDLY AGAINST USOGUI,

I'LL BE THE ONE TO DIE FIRST.

EACH ONE RESONATED DEEP,

WAS JUST LIKE MAGIC.

ID YOU... NOT IT ...

EVERY WORD SAID BY KIRUMA SOUICHI

BUT STILL,

THE HEARTS OF

STRONGLY SHAKING

EVERYONE LISTENING...

15 SECONDS.

THE SQUANDERED TIME IS

00' 15

1 MINUTE AND 25 SECONDS.

WITH THIS, LEADER'S ACCUMU-LATION IS NOW

1 MIN 25 SEC

KIRUMA SOUICHI

AT THE ANNOUCEMENT OF 8:38:00 AM,

THEN,

WE WILL START THE 6TH ROUND.

"C"
MADARAME
BAKU

"D"
KIRUMA
SOUICHI

6TH
ROUND,
1ST
HALF

IT WILL AGAIN BE OVERTURNED...

IT FEELS LIKE NO MATTER WHAT I THINK,

I JUST... DON'T GET IT ANYMORE... WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG...

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

IT'S LIKE MY MIND IS BEING COMPLETELY DOMINATED...

DONG!!

BAKU-
SAMA.

"CHECK"
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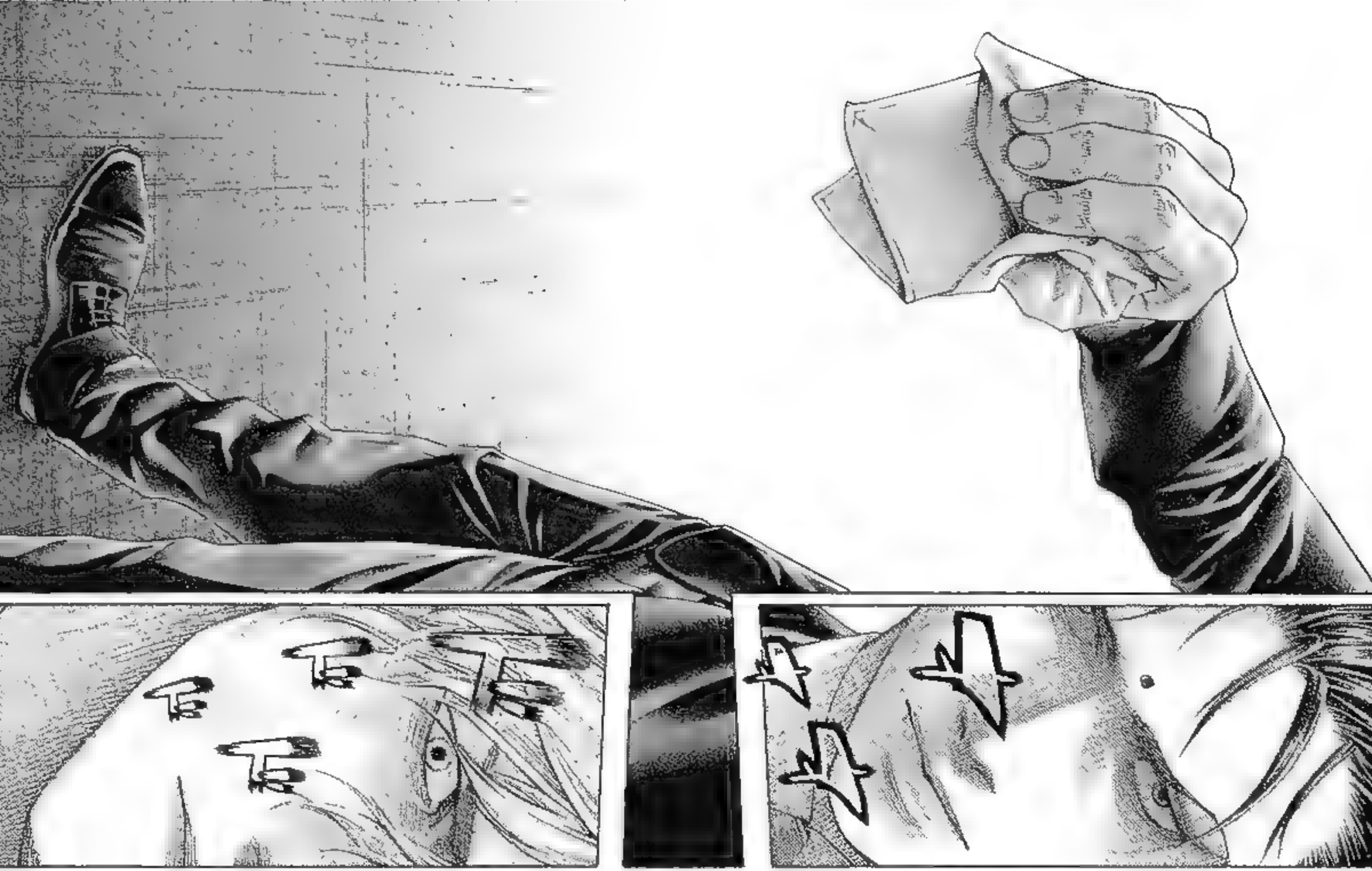

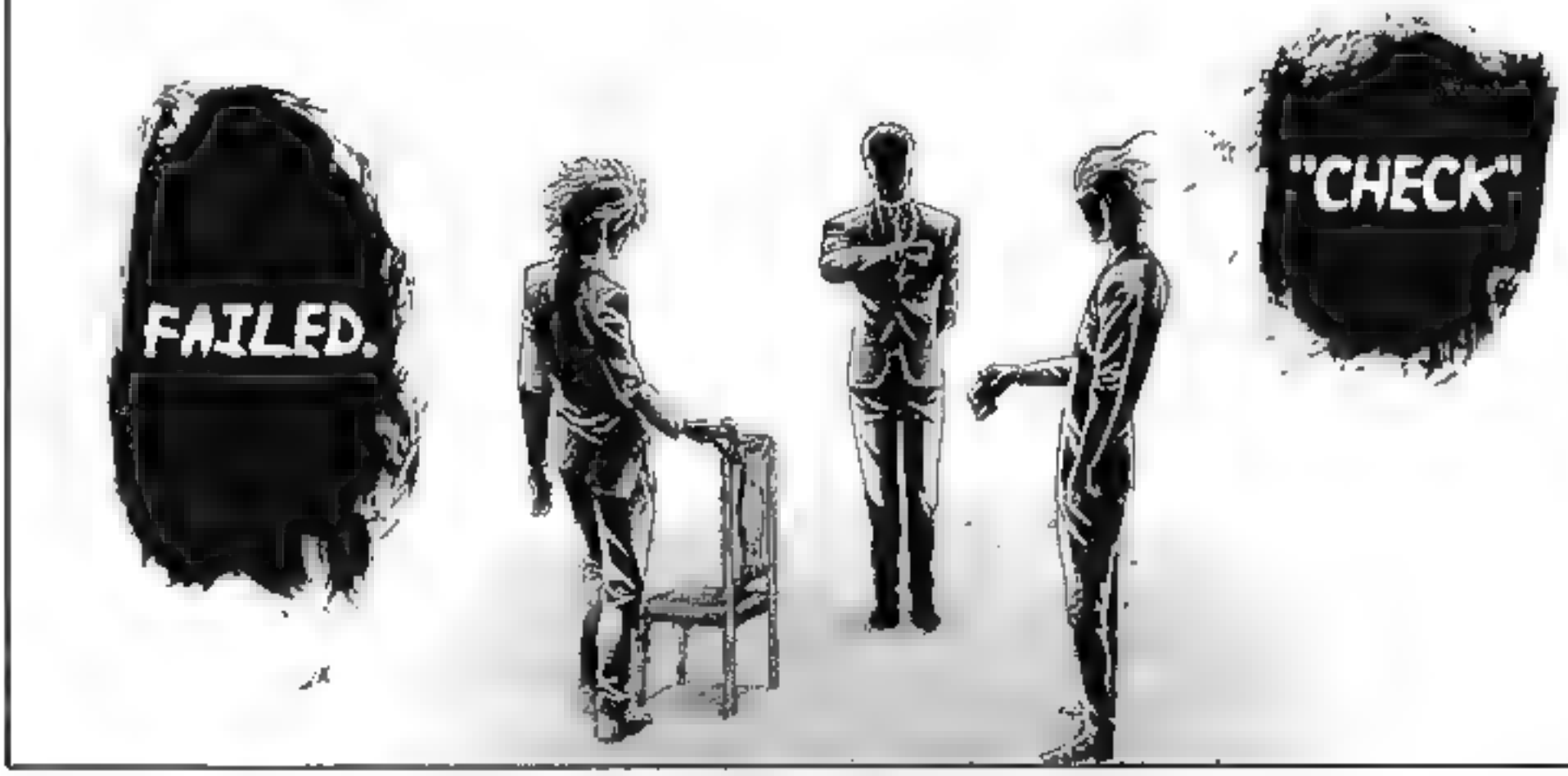
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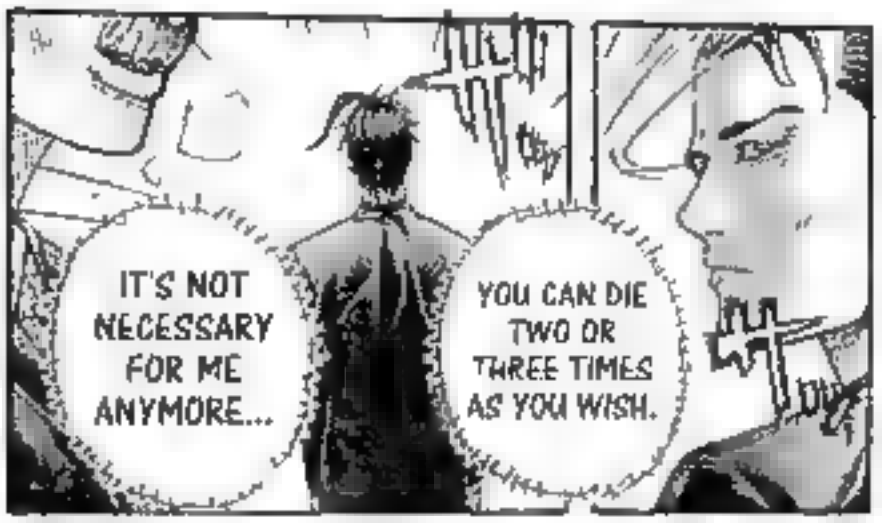
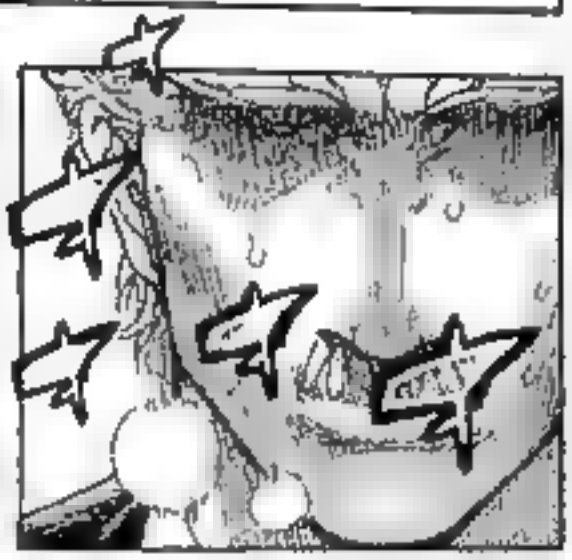
"CHECK"


IT'S NOT NECESSARY FOR ME ANYMORE...
YOU CAN DIE TWO OR THREE TIMES AS YOU WISH.



ANOTHER...
REVER-
SAL...

NOR RESETTING THE CYLINDER.
NEITHER DYING

BAKU-SAMA,

BECAUSE YOU'VE FAILED TO "CHECK",

PLEASE TAKE THE DEATH PENALTY.

CHAPTER 511

THE SECOND DEATH

IT'S YOUR 2ND DEATH TODAY.

IS THAT REALLY WHAT IT IS?

IT'S LIKE WE'RE DANCING INSIDE KIRUMA'S PLAN...

BOTH US,

THE PLAN AND THE SITUATION DIDN'T CHANGE AT ALL.

THIS IS EXACTLY THE RESULT THAT BAKU SAN WANTED, ISN'T IT?

BY THE WAY,

AND BAKU-SAN "FAILED TO CHECK" AS HE PLANNED.

KIRUMA CHOSE TO AVOID DYING.

HE'S SUCCESSFULLY ENTERED THE PATH OF "DYING 3 TIMES".

BAKU-SAMA'S ACCUMULATION IS 33 SECONDS.

AND USOGUI.

PLUS THE 1 MINUTE PENALTY FOR FAILING TO CHECK,

YOU'LL DIE FOR 1 MINUTE AND 33 SECONDS.

WHAT IN THE WORLD...
"IT'S YOUR SECOND DEATH TODAY" HE SAID? THIS IS RIDICULOUS ...
THESE GUYS ARE RIDICU-LOUS...

...
I'M TOTALLY FINE.
DON'T WORRY.
!

THE SANZU RIVER TOO~
I WANT TO SEE

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY EXPERIENCED MYSTERIOUS PHENOMENONS !!
HEY!!

BOSS, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE REFEREE DOUJI'S WORDS SERIOUSLY.
HUH?
YOU WANT TO DIE TOO?

HE'S LIKE A KID. HE BELIEVES THERE'S A WORLD AFTER DEATH.

YOU WILL REACH

THE "SANZU RIVER".

YOU'LL MEET "YAMA" AFTER DEATH.

A PITCH BLACK MAN AND WOMAN WILL TAKE YOU WITH THEM

THOSE ARE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FED WITH THAT KIND OF KNOWLEDGE.

AND ARE JUST INFLUENCED BY STORIES THEY'VE BEEN TOLD SINCE THEY'RE KIDS.

HUH?

SIMILAR TO FLASHBACKS.

EVEN IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THEM, YOUR BRAIN WILL CREATE THE IMAGE.

YOU SEE THEM BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE.

FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T SEE THEM, IT'S EITHER THEY DON'T HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE... OR,

THAT CAN NEVER BE SHAKEN.

THEY HAVE A SOLID STATE OF MIND

BAKU
SA

IS
DEAD.

I CAN'T HEAR IT...

BECOM-ING LOWER

AND LOWER?

IT'S GOING TO BE 8.39...

WHY IS THE VOLUME OF THE SOUND...

TICK

TICK

1 MINUTE AND 33 SECONDS, HUH...

WHAT TIME IS IT RIGHT NOW?

YOU DIED.

THE DEATH WILL LAST FOR 1 MINUTE AND 33 SECONDS.

IF YOU CAN'T REACH THE CORRECT ROUTE BEFORE THE TIME RUNS OUT,

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO REVIVE.

YOU WILL THEN DIE FOR REAL.

BECAUSE YOUR BODY IS WEAK.

Is it?

WERE THE CONTENTS OF THIS BOOK LIKE THIS BEFORE?

I WAS HOPING TO SEE THE SANZU RIVER BEFORE...

WELL,

NOW.

THIS IS
WHAT WE CALL
"TRILLING".

THERE'S BASICALLY JUST ONE HALLWAY...

BUT EXCEPT FOR THE ROOMS I SEE SOMETIMES,

"THE CORRECT ROUTE",

IT SAID

AN ABANDONED BUILDING.

SINCE IT'S JUST

WELL, IT MAKES SENSE.

WHO

ARE

?

YOU

WAS IT JUST ME?

NO

...

ONE...

!!

THIS... THIS BOOK!

DID I GO BACK TO WHERE I WAS BEFORE?

HUH? WHY IS THE BOOK HERE?

!

YOU MUSTN'T BE FOUND BY THIS GUY.

IT'S DIFFERENT !!

THE CONTENTS OF THIS BOOK ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE PREVIOUS ONE!!

IT'S ANOTHER BOOK!

IF HE FINDS YOU, YOU'LL DIE.

IT'S YOUR DESTINY.

ARE

WHO

YOU

WAS IT JUST ME?

?

WOAH!

JUST ME?

WAS IT

GU...

NO, I HAVE TO RUN.

AH... I SHOULD JUST...

AH...

AAAH...

?

I'M FALL-ING

I'M FALL-ING...

ASLEEP...

AH~

IT FEELS SO GOOD...

33 SECONDS HAVE PASSED.

1 MINUTE LEFT.

THERE'S

THE GREENLAND SHARK SWIMMING ALONE DEEP DOWN IN THE SEA.

GUI

I HAD ALREADY OVERLAPPED MYSELF WITH IT...

WHEN I REALIZED IT,

MY LIFE IS LONELY

WHO

YOU?

ME

PANT

PANT

THE CORRECT ROUTE_

CLACK

59

CLACK

58

THE NUMBER

AFTER 59 IS...

60

STARTING THE REVIVING.

TIME'S UP.

THE REVIVAL DRUG HAS BEEN INJECTED.

TICK

TICK

NOW,

STARTING THE 10 SECONDS OF CPR.

CHAPTER 512
UNBREAKABLE LIFE

WHAT DO YOU THINK, YAKOU?

IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A HAND NOW, DOESN'T IT?

CHAPTER 512
UNBREAKABLE LIFE

...WELL, I TRIED MY BEST,

IT'S TOTALLY OUT.

BUT FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, YOUR HAND HAS STARTED ROTTING...

HEHE!

IT TRULY WAS A TOUGH TASK TO COLLECT ALL THE PIECES OF YOUR BONES THAT WERE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE FLESH.

THERE WERE PROBABLY TATSUKI'S BONES MIXED IN THERE.

IT WAS LIKE A PUZZLE.

IF YOU DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT,

YOU'LL DIE.

IT'S GOING TO BE 8:40:50 AM.

TICK

YAKOU

YA...

AH...

!!

KU...

HE HASN'T COME BACK TO LIFE YET!?

NOT YET!?

IT'S GOING TO BE 10 SECONDS...

WILL HE REALLY... BE ABLE TO MAKE IT!?

HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN REVIVED IF THIS WAS THE 1ST TIME!

"ONE CAN DEFINITELY BE REVIVED"...

AS LONG AS THE DURATION OF NEAR-DEATH DOESN'T EXCEED 5 MINUTES,

YAKOU... THIS IS WHAT YOU THINK, RIGHT?

OR IS IT SIMPLY BECAUSE "HIS BODY HAS REACHED ITS LIMIT"?

IF USOGUI REALLY DIES... IS IT BECAUSE "THE CPR WASN'T DONE WELL ENOUGH"...?

IN THE FIRST PLACE, SUCH A THING AS "REVIVING" IS AMBIGUOUS.

NOBODY CAN TELL WHICH ONE IT IS!! NOBODY KNOWS...

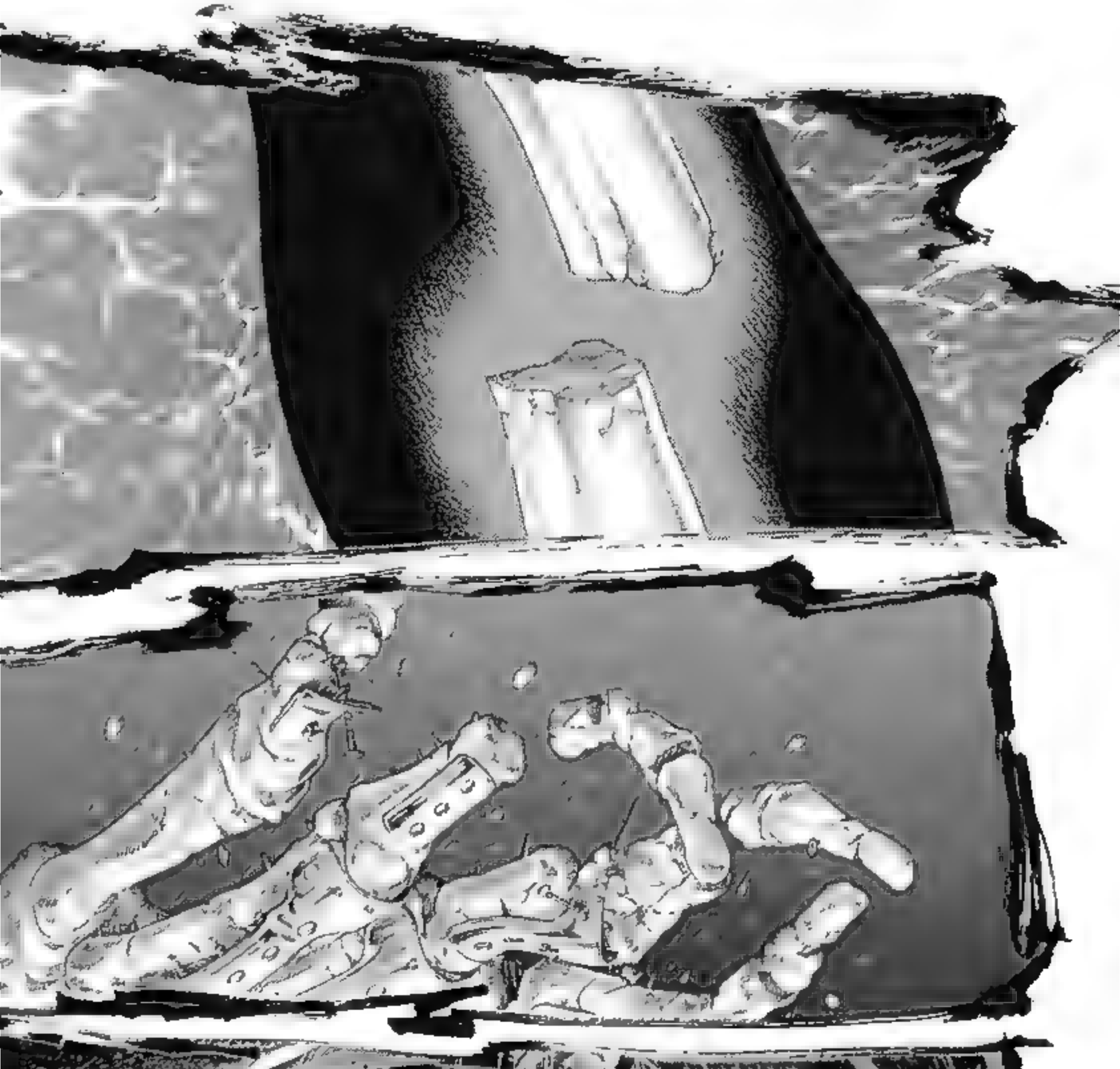
AT THE SAME TIME,

ONE CAN INSTEAD GIVE HIS ALL TO A RESPONSIBILITY IF IT'S "AMBIGUOUS"

GRAB

YOU HAVE BURDENED YOURSELF WITH THIS "AMBIGUOUS" RESPONSI-BILITY.

ONE CAN RUN AWAY FROM A RESPONSIBILITY IF IT'S "AMBIGUOUS"



YAKOU...

I UNDERSTAND, YAKOU.

AS A REFEREE, YOU WANT TO FIGHT THEM TOO, RIGHT?

WE WILL BE THE REFEREE OF YAKOU'S BATTLE!!

THIS BATTLE WILL BE WITNESSED FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END BY YAKOU HIKOICHI!!

AND WE WILL REMEMBER EVERY SINGLE WORD OF THIS BATTLE IN OUR HEAD!!

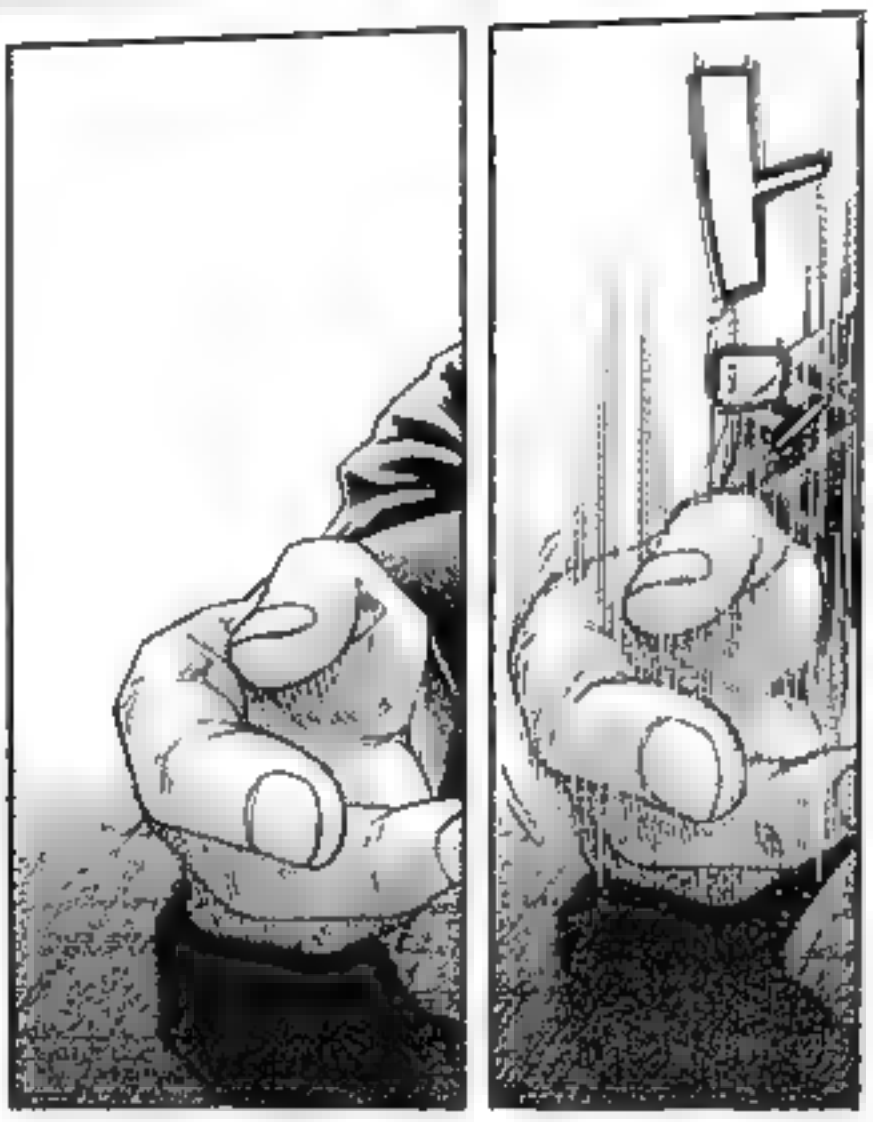
TICK

TICK

10 SECONDS!! THE TIME IS UP!!

DIG DIG

HUH?



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IF

WILL START AT 8:43:00 AM.

THE 6TH ROUND, 2ND HALF,

AT THAT TIME, THE GAME CAN'T BE CARRIED ON ANYMORE, THE WINNER WILL BE LEADER.

IT'S GOING TO BE 8:41:00 AM.

YAKOU?

YAKOU.

IF HE DOESN'T COME BACK TO LIFE, EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER, YAKOU-SAN, DO SOMETHING...

THE 2ND TIME IS ALREADY LIKE THIS AND YOU'RE TELLING ME HE'S PLANNING TO DIE FOR A 3RD TIME !?

HE HASN'T REVIVED YET!?

HE...

!

IF USOGUI CAN'T BE REVIVED, THIS "SURPASSING THE LEADER" WILL END.

YAKOU HAS GIVEN HIS ALL.

HIS HEART... NO, HIS LIFE WILL BREAK.

IT'LL BE THE END OF YAKOU TOO.

NOT
YET.

I

HAVEN'T DIED YET.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? THE ONE THAT DIED WAS YOU! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AWAKE!

?

BAKU-SAMA!

OH, YOU'RE AWAKE? IF YOU WANT TO TAKE A NAP, DO IT AFTER I DIE... IT'S NOT OVER YET, YOU KNOW?

HE SURVIVED...

HE..

HE...

嘘吹いた。

ALTHOUGH PEOPLE USE THE TERM "DEATH MATCH" OFTEN,

WHAT A BATTLE.

DEATH MATCH.

THIS IS A REAL

AAH...

WHA- WHAT...

U...

BECAUSE I BROKE YOUR RIBS.

IT HURTS... IT FREAKING HURTS!

OF COURSE.

HUH !?

PLEASE PREPARE YOURSELF TOO, LEADER.

AT LEAST IT'S BETTER THAN DYING, RIGHT?

I PUNCHED YOU WITH ENOUGH STRENGTH TO BREAK YOUR RIBS.

...

BUT YOUR LIVES WON'T.

YOUR RIBS MAY BREAK,

IT'S GOING TO BE 8:41:40 AM.

TICK

TICK

ROUND...? YAKOU-SAN?

THE NEXT...

WHEN WILL BE...

TICK

TICK

TICK

AT 8:43:00...

WE WILL START THE 6TH ROUND, 2ND HALF...

NEVERTHE-LESS,

HE'S STILL FIGHTING...

AND HE HAS ALREADY DIED TWICE...

HIS... HEART STOPPED.

AND THEN HE REVIVED WITH BROKEN RIBS...

CHAPTER 513

THE CONTINUOUS DIVE

CHAPTER 513

THE CONTINUOUS DIVE

WILL SOON END...

THIS BATTLE

AN OBVIOUS GAP HAS JUST BEEN MADE BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM.

FINALLY...

MADARAME BAKU

1 MIN

1 MIN 33 SEC

ACCUMULATION

NEAR-DEATH

KIRUMA SOUICHI

1 MIN 25 SEC

1 MIN 24 SEC

MADARAME BAKU

1 MIN

1 MIN 33 SEC

USOGUI HAS NOW DIED FOR A TOTAL OF 2 MINUTES AND 33 SECONDS.

ENALTY

TAKING AWAY THE 1 MINUTE PENALTY, THE REMAINING AVAILABLE TIME USOGUI CAN ACCUMULATE IS 1 MINUTE AND 27 SECONDS.

3

1 MINUTE AND 27 SECONDS

PENALTY

3 4 5

2 MINUTE AND 27 SECONDS

HE STILL HAS 2 MINUTES AND 27 SECONDS UNTIL THE DEADLINE.

3 4 5

2 MINUTE AND 27 SECONDS

HE HAS TO AVOID HIS ACCUMULATION EXCEEDING 2 MINUTES AND 27 SECONDS FOR HIS 3RD DEATH.

A THIRD TIME?

UNDER 2 MINUTES AND 27 SECONDS?

HE WAS ALREADY SO CLOSE TO DEATH WITH ONLY 1 MINUTE AND 33 SECONDS OF NEAR-DEATH THIS TIME.

THAT WAS THE SECOND TIME.

THEN,

HIS ONLY OPTION IS TO ATTACK FIRST! HE HAS TO MAKE KIRUMA FAIL HIS "CHECK"...

ANOTHER DEATH!?

THERE'S JUST NO WAY! IT HAS TO BE SHORTER... NO, MAYBE HE CAN'T DIE ANYMORE...

REVIVE?

DID I JUST...

HUH?

BAKU-SAN...

YOU HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL HIM FIRST.

THE CONCEN-TRATION TO REMEMBER THE FIGHT UNTIL NOW.

HE HAS

I HAVE TO ACCUMULATE HIS NEAR DEATH DRUG...

I SEE...

I SEE...

I HAVE TO FIGHT...

SOON... HE WILL...

FOR HOW MUCH LONGER CAN HE DIVE FOR...?

YEAH

HE WILL SOON...

AND WEIGH UP THE CURRENT SITUATION...

ANDERED TIME

PENA

KIRUMA SOUCIHI SUCCESSFULLY CHECKED AND ACCUMULATED 24 SECONDS.

MADARAME BAKU 1 MIN

NEAR-DEATH

KIRUMA SOUICHI 24 SEC

USOGUI GOT 1 MINUTE OF NEAR-DEATH AFTER FAILING HIS CHECK.

IN THE 1ST ROUND,

AND LEADER DIED FOR 1 MINUTE AND 24 SECONDS... THE OPPOSITE DEVELOPMENT FROM THE FIRST ROUND.

NEXT ROUND, USOGUI ACCUMULATED 25 SECONDS AFTER A SUCCESSFUL CHECK.

25 SEC

MADARAME BAKU 1 MIN

NEAR-DEATH

KIRUMA SOUICHI 1 MIN 24 SEC

IN THE 4TH ROUND,

ONCE AGAIN, USOGUI MANAGED TO ACCUMULATE AS LITTLE AS 3 SECONDS

MADARAME BAKU +3, 32 SEC

LEADER'S ACCUMULATION WAS INCREASED TO A TOTAL OF 1 MINUTE AND 10 SECONDS.

KIRUMA SOUICHI +34, 1 MIN 10 SEC

USOGUI SUCCESS-FULLY CHECKED AND ACCUMULATED 4 SECONDS.

MADARAME BAKU +4, 29 SEC

THEN,

KIRUMA SOUICHI 36 SEC

LEADER ENDED UP ACCUMULATING 36 SECONDS.

IN THE 3RD ROUND,

AND LEADER GAINED 15 SECONDS, REACHING A TOTAL OF 1 MINUTE AND 25 SECONDS.

SIMILAR TO THE PREVIOUS ROUND, USOGUI ACCUMULATED A MERE SECOND...

IN THE 5TH ROUND,

TIME

PENALT

MADARAME BAKU

+1, 33 SEC

ULATION

KIRUMA SOUCHI

+15, 1 MIN 25 SEC

AND SURVIVED A 1 MINUTE AND 33 SECONDS OF NEAR-DEATH...

33 SEC

MADARAME BAKU

33 SEC

PENALTY

1 MIN 33 SEC

IN THE 6TH ROUND, 1ST HALF, USOGUI FAILED TO CHECK

THE 6TH ROUND, 2ND HALF.

AND NOW,

LEADER HAS SUCCESSFULLY CHECKED 3 TIMES IN A ROW.

SINCE HIS FIRST NEAR-DEATH,

LEADER ONLY USED THE SAFE STRATEGY IN THE 3RD ROUND.

HE MADE A RISKY "CHECK" IN THE 4TH AND 5TH ROUND SINCE THEN.

36 SEC
3RD R
34 SEC
4TH R
15 SEC
5TH R

AND... ALSO,

15 SECONDS.
34 SECONDS.
36 SECONDS.

THE ACCUMULATED TIME KEEPS BECOMING SHORTER...

HUMANS HAVE LIMITS.

ALWAYS GIVE THEIR 100% WITHOUT FLINCHING EVEN A LITTLE.

NO MATTER THE BATTLE,

NO ONE IS ABLE TO...

IN A WAY, THE SAFE STRATEGY IS LIKE TAKING A BREATHER...

WE COULD SAY THAT USING THE SAFE STRATEGY IS TAKING A BREATHER IN ORDER TO LET YOUR THOUGHTS CONTINUE.

"FAIL-ING TO CHECK" MEANS A NEAR-DEATH...

IF YOU CONTINUE TO STAY SUBMERGED DEEP DOWN THE WATER,

IT'LL BE PAINFUL.

SO PAIN-FUL.

BEEP

DONG!!

8:43:00 AM.

IT'S GOING TO BE

BEEP

"C" KIRUMA SOUICHI

BEEP

"D" MADARAME BAKU

6TH ROUND, 2ND HALF

WHAT SHOULD I BE THINKING NOW?

AND DROP THE HANDKER-CHIEF IN A QUICK MANNER.

IN THAT CASE, HE WILL TARGET AN ACCUMU-LATION.

SHOULD SOON NEED TO TAKE A BREATHER?

WOULD USOGUI BE THINKING THAT I...

SELF DESTRUC-TING.

BAIT ME INTO

HE WILL

HE WILL NOT DROP THE HANDKERCHIEF.

BUT, IF HE THINKS I'LL USE ANOTHER DANGEROUS CHECK,

IF ONE CAN-NOT...

KIRUMA SOUICHI...

...

MYSELF ONLY.

IT IS ME.

--- ME.

THEN WHO WILL BE THE ONE TO READ?

THEY CAN NEVER WIN...

IF ONE CANNOT READ THEIR OPPONENT,

ONLY MY OWN STRENGTH...

WITH

AT THE VERY LAST MOMENT,

AND
NOTHING
ELSE.
...

I AM ASKING MYSELF ••••••

IT'S GOING TO BE 8:43:10 AM.

TICK TICK

TSK

TSK

IS LAYING THERE

OR NOT..."

"WHETHER THE HANDKER-CHIEF

LEADER,

"SUCCESS-
FULLY
CHECKED".

THE
SQUANDERED
TIME IS
8 SECONDS!!

AND THE SQUANDERED TIME IS EVEN SHORTER...

HE MADE A SUCCESSFUL CHECK WITHOUT TAKING A BREATHER!!

AGAIN!!

8 SECONDS!!

CHAPTER 514
AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSON

AND THIS IS THE THING I HAVE TO DO AND THE BATTLE I HAVE TO FIGHT... I'M HERE TO CONFIRM...

FOR EVERYONE, THERE ARE THINGS IN LIFE THEY HAVE TO DO AND BATTLES THEY HAVE TO FIGHT

CONFIRM

MY DESTINY.

THIS IS ALL FOR CHECKING OUT YOUR DESTINY!?

YOU SHOWING UP WITH THAT BODY AT THIS EXECUTION GROUND IS ALL FOR FIGHTING YOUR DETERMINED BATTLE.

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT

THIS IS THE PENALTY YOU DESERVED FOR USING SUSPICIOUS OCCULTISM TO DEFRAUD PEOPLE OF THEIR POSSESSIONS.

AND I'M SURE

DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS MORE LIKELY GOING TO BE A TORTURE SHOW EXECUTED BY THESE PEOPLE YOU FOOLED INSTEAD OF A BATTLE?

"BENDING A SPOON", "FLOATING IN THE AIR",

YOU PEOPLE MISUNDERSTOOD MY POWER.

IF THOSE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS YOU THINK I CAN DO, THEN YOU'RE WRONG.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "MISUNDER-STANDING"?

HUH?

THERE'S A MISUNDER-STANDING.

NO, I INDEED WANT A LOT OF MONEY AND THAT WAS MY REMUNERATION.

WHAT!?

ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT IT WASN'T FOR MAKING MONEY!?

I CAN LEAD HIM TO A PATH WHERE HIS LOSS CAN BE COMPENSATED FOR.

IF SOMEONE SUFFERS FROM A LACK OF SOMETHING,

YOU'D KNOW THAT HE LIVED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT LACKED GOOD EDUCATION WHEN HE WAS A CHILD.

IF THERE'S A PERSON WHO CANNOT GREET PEOPLE PROPERLY,

ALL I CAN DO IS SEE THROUGH PEOPLE.

?

BUT WHAT I SEE IS COMPLICATED AND HARD TO UNDERSTAND FOR AVERAGE PEOPLE, THAT'S ALL.

I TEACH PEOPLE WHAT I KNOW.

IT'S SIMPLE BUT THAT'S WHAT I DO.

THERE ARE "UNALTERABLE DESTINIES", WHICH ARE UNAVOIDABLE NO MATTER WHAT PEOPLE DO ABOUT IT.

IN THIS WORLD,

EVERY REASON HAS A REASON UPON IT.

EVERY REASON EXISTS FOR THE REASON HIDDEN DEEPER BEHIND IT ..

EVERYTHING IS TANGLED TOGETHER BY MISFORTUNE.

AND THERE'S ANOTHER REASON WHICH CAUSES THAT REASON TO HAPPEN

BUT WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS, THERE MUST BE A REASON.

NATURAL DISASTERS, ACCIDENTS.

HE SAID THIS CHILD WILL BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSON.

EVEN NOW, I CAN STILL SEE IT.

I DON'T THINK SO.

BUT

BUT I CAN'T DO THE SAME...

"THAT'S WHAT WE CALL EXTRA-ORDINARY"...

BUT YOU WOULD JUST LAUGH ABOUT IT, AND SAY

YOU ARE A BAD WOMAN...

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE PLANNING SOMETHING, EKO.

I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE...

BECAUSE I LOVE YOU...

TSK

TSK

WHETHER HE IS EXTRAORDINARY OR NOT.

SO, JUST LIKE YOUR KARMA, I WILL

BET MY EVERYTHING.

YOU WILL DIE EARLIER THAN THE AGE WHICH I FORESAW.

THE REASON, WHICH WILL BE BROUGHT TO THIS WORLD BY THIS CHILD, WILL KILL YOU IN THE FUTURE.

YOU'LL DIE, BECAUSE OF THIS CHILD...

PLEASE WAIT UNTIL SHE LEAVES.

HOLDING SUCH A DANGEROUS THING... YOU'RE GOING TO HURT HER. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HER.

!?

HUH? WHA... WHAT!?

PLEASE WAIT.

AND YOU TWO BEHIND ME...

//

SO THERE ARE ONLY 3 OF YOU, AFTER ALL ..?

HMM.

//

THEN KILL ME, PLEASE.

YOUR TARGET IS ME, RIGHT?

"THEN KILL ME" !?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? ARE YOU NUTS!?

IT'S YOUR FAULT... IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!!

FUCK...

I... I DID EVERYTHING YOU TOLD ME TO, BUT STILL...

YOU CAN'T AVOID THEIR EXISTENCE.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO,

THEY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WERE GRANTED WITH UNALTERABLE DESTINIES.

KYA!

IF I ACCEPT MY KARMA,

MAYBE THIS CHILD'S FUTURE...

THEY ARE THE PEOPLE I COULDN'T SAVE,

MAYBE THAT UNALTERABLE DESTINY WILL DISAPPEAR.

UNFORTUNATE SOULS CAUSED BY MY KARMA.

STANDING UP...

DON'T WORRY.

IF YOU REALLY ARE EXTRAORDINARY,

YOU WON'T DIE.

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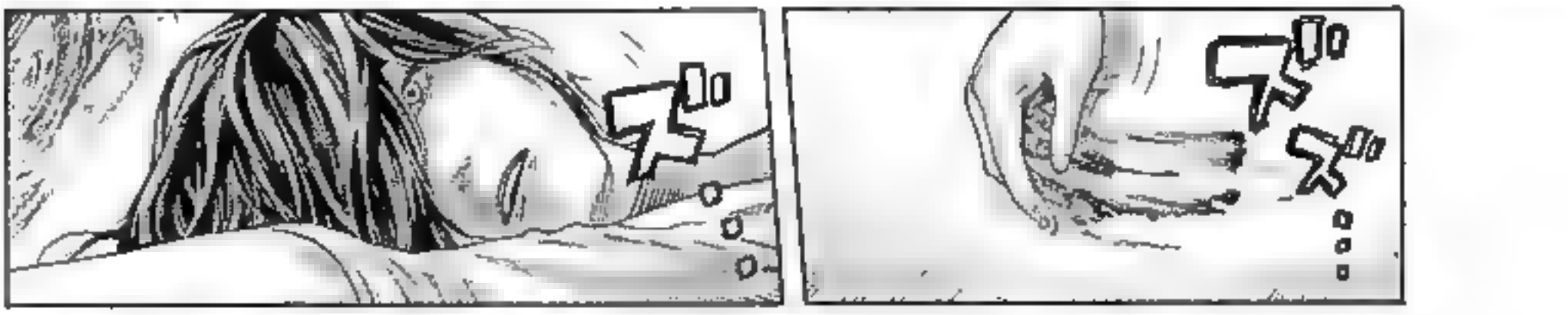
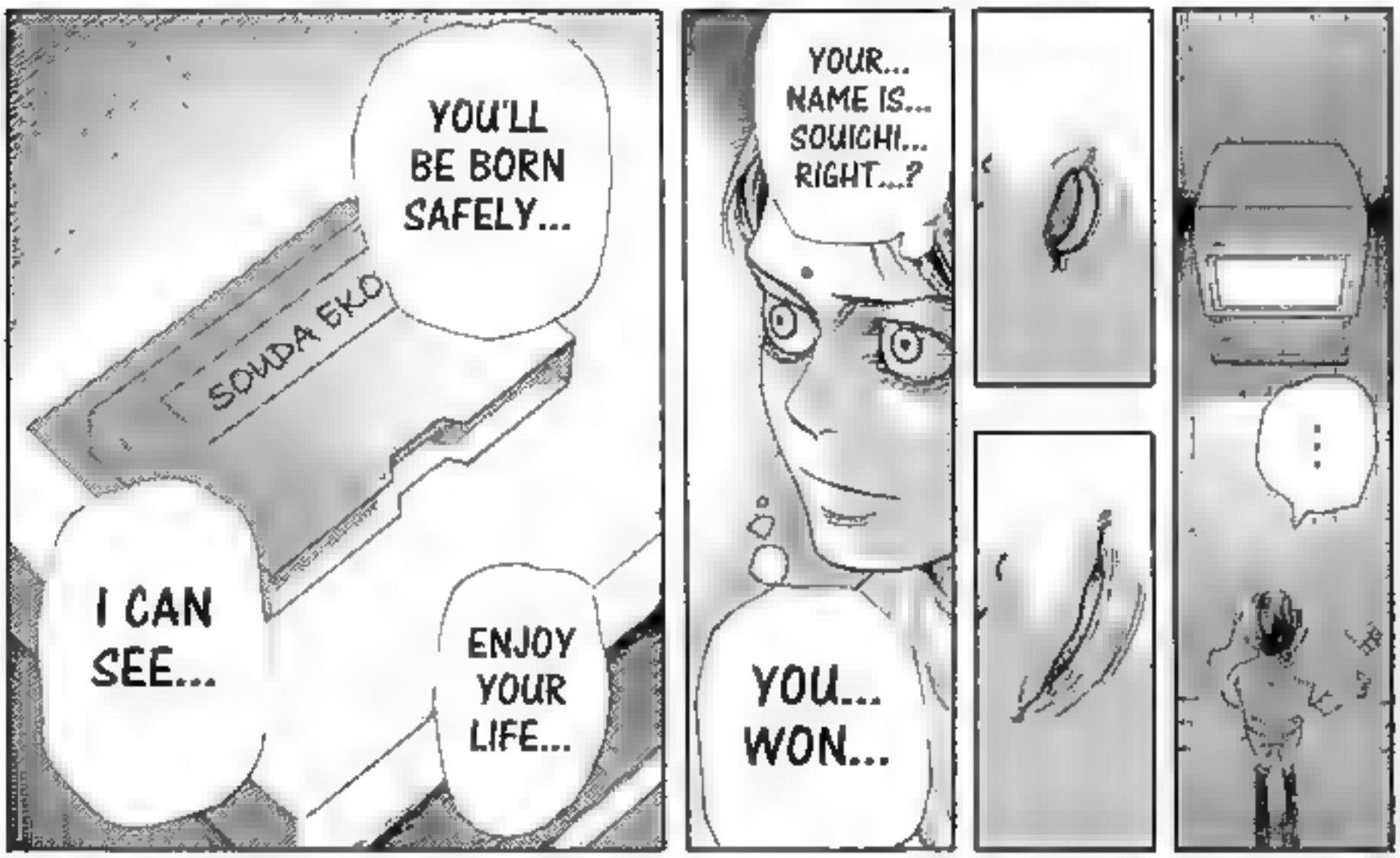
HEY !?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, STOP THEM!!
ARE YOU OKAY!? CALL AN AMBU-LANCE




YOU'LL BE BORN SAFELY...
SOUDA EKO
I CAN SEE...
ENJOY YOUR LIFE...
YOUR... NAME IS... SOUICHI... RIGHT...?
YOU... WON...
...

ALL KINDS OF

POSSIBILITIES AS WELL AS

VARIOUS ABILITIES

EQUIPPED INSIDE YOU...

INSTEAD OF THE SAFE STRATEGY, HE MADE A RISKY BET...

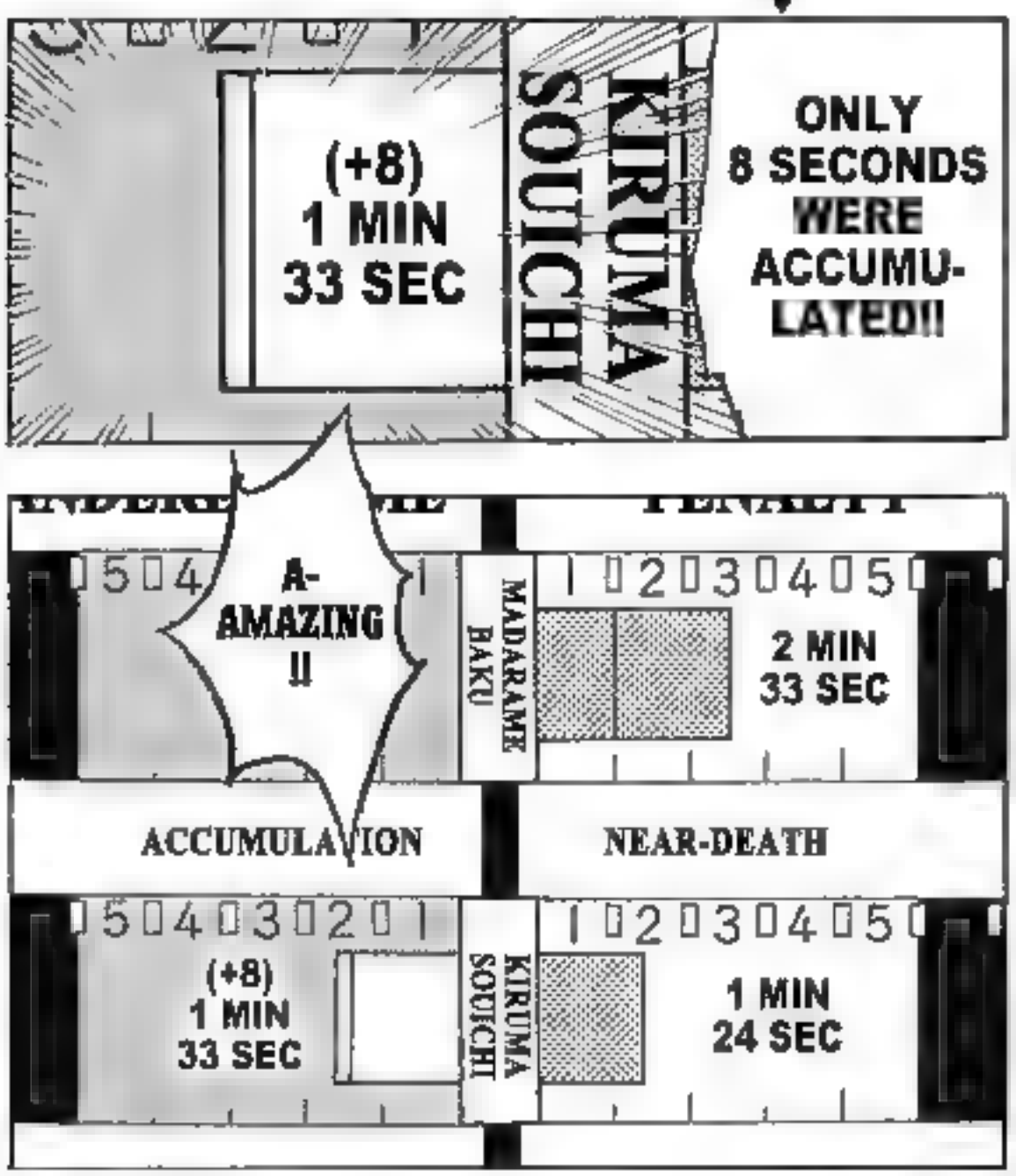
8 SECONDS !!

THE SQUANDERED TIME IS

(+8) 1 MIN 33 SEC

KIRUMA SOUICHI

ONLY 8 SECONDS WERE ACCUMU-LATED!!



15 SECONDS,

34 SECONDS,

AND THEN,

8 SECONDS!

NOT ONLY DID HE MANAGE TO PULL OFF AN "EARLY CHECK" DURING THIS EXTREMELY RISKY LATE PHASE OF THE GAME, HE ALSO DECREASED THE SQUANDERED TIME!!

THERE'S ONLY ONE SIMPLE THOUGHT ECHOING IN MY HEAD...

MY HEAD IS BLANK...

SHIT

SHIT

SHIT SHIT SHIT SHIT

SHIT

HAHA_ NO_

HA_

WHAT IS

PERFECTION ...?

THE REAL FIGHT HAS JUST STARTED...

NOT YET...

NOT

IT'S TO BE ABLE TO MANI-PULATE EVERY PART OF YOURSELF AT YOUR OWN WILL.

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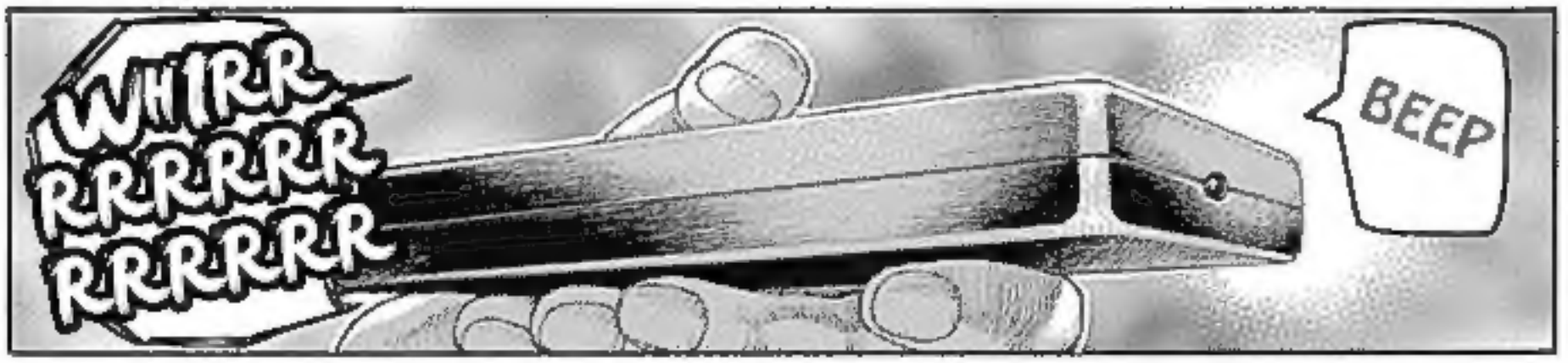
WHIRR
R.R.R.R.R.R
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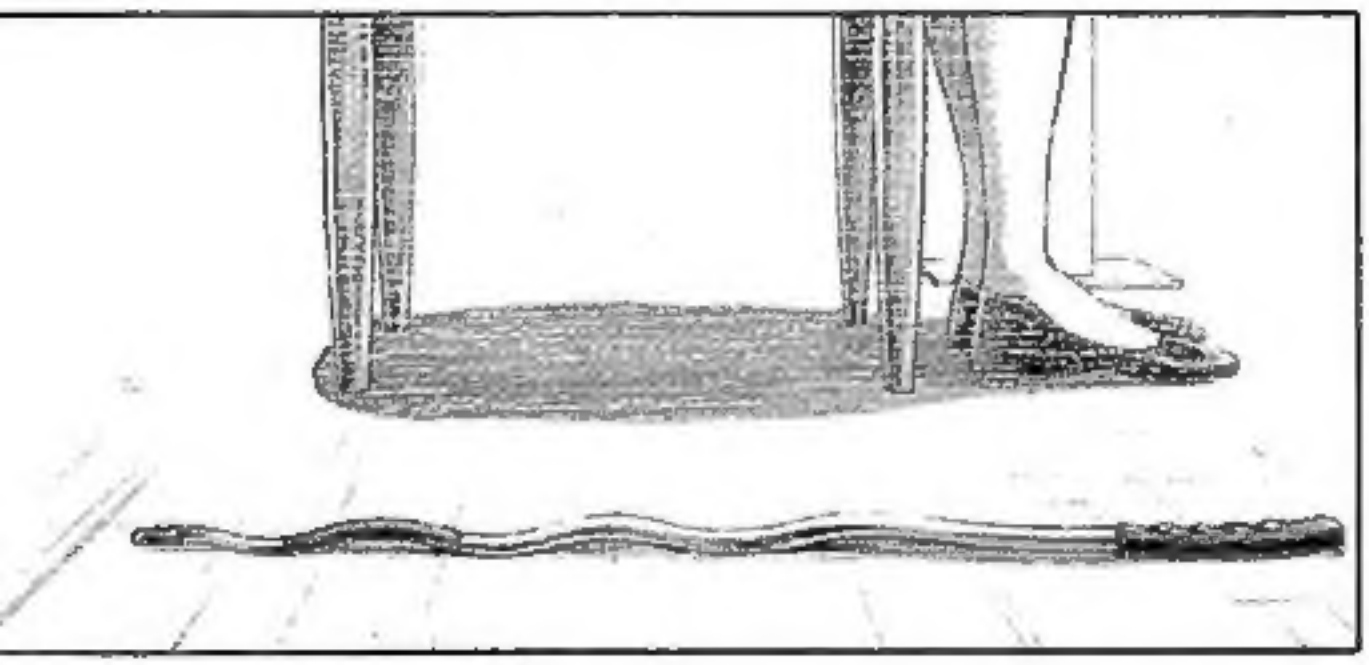
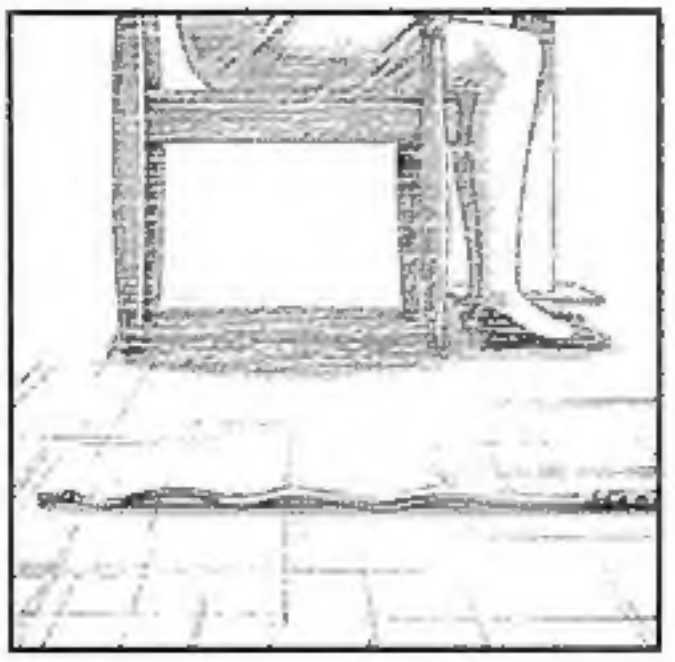
BEEP





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CLICK
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TSK
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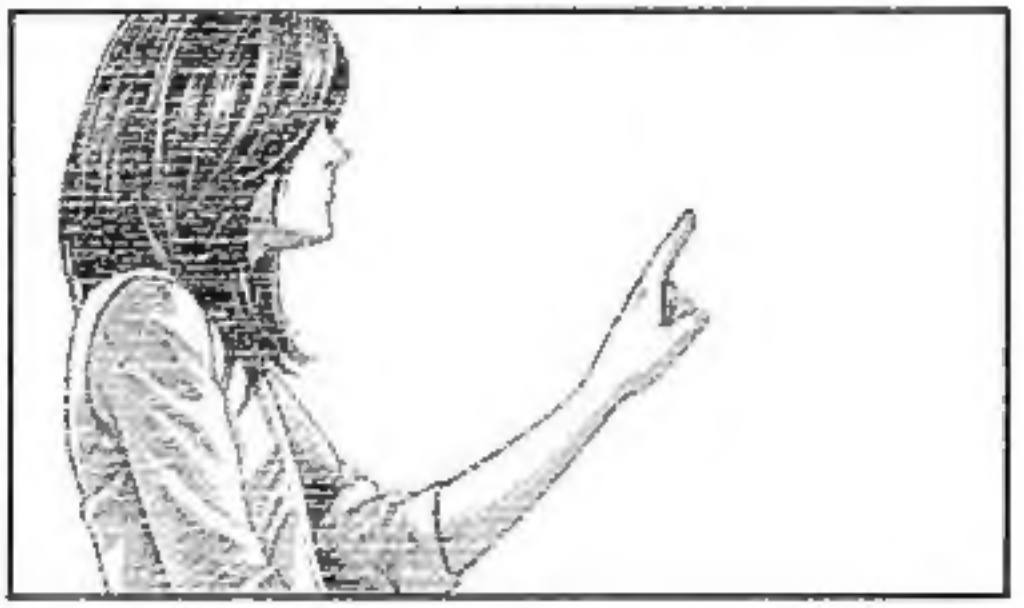

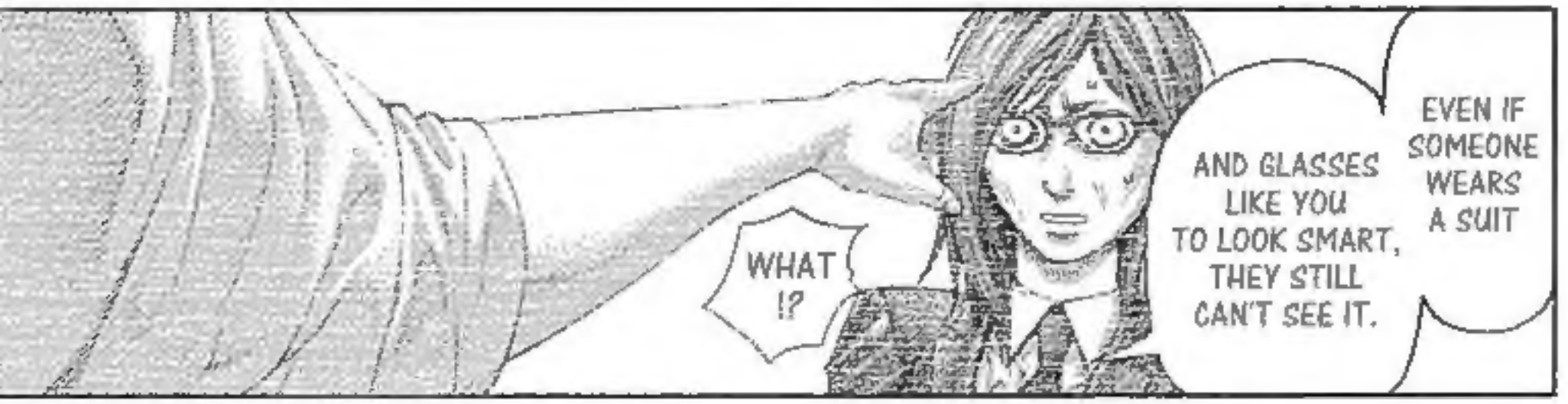
WHAT
!?
AND GLASSES LIKE YOU TO LOOK SMART, THEY STILL CAN'T SEE IT.
EVEN IF SOMEONE WEARS A SUIT

TSK

TSK

TSK

AND YOU TWO BEHIND ME...

PLEASE WAIT.

HUMANS DON'T KNOW

THEY MIGHT LEARN IT IF THEY KNOW IT.

THEY'RE CAPABLE OF.

WHAT

AFTER THEY LOSE SOMETHING.

THEY MIGHT LEARN IT

IT'S GOING TO BE 8:44:00 AM.

BEEP

BEEP

THEY MIGHT LEARN IT

IF THEY ARE ABLE TO FORGET.